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Wesley Long, left, a student employee in the Defense Department's Combat Feeding Directorate, and Mike Acheson, a food technologist for the directorate, dish up samples last week on Capitol Hill in Washington.



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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Super Bowl streaker:** The man who frolicked near naked on the field during the Super Bowl was fined \$1,000 Tuesday but won't have to spend any time in jail.

Mark Roberts, 39, was fined by the same six-woman jury that found him guilty in Houston on Monday of misdemeanor trespassing. That carries a maximum sentence of six months in jail and up to a \$2,000 fine.

Jurors deliberated for about an hour before deciding on the sentence, courts coordinator Rachel Ferrel said.

**Case against Rudolph:** A federal judge approved a plan Tuesday to try serial bombing suspect Eric Rudolph in Birmingham, Ala., but pick jurors from throughout north Alabama, instead of just the Birmingham area.

U.S. District Judge Lynwood Smith approved the joint proposal that had been agreed to by defense attorneys and federal prosecutors.

The decision brought a quick end to a hearing on a defense motion to move Rudolph's trial out of Birmingham. Wearing a bulletproof vest, Rudolph had arrived in court amid tight security for what was expected to be two days of arguments.

Rudolph's trial is set for Aug. 2.

**Same-sex marriage:** Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, whose state is the only one to recognize gay marriages, in Washington on Tuesday urged passage of a constitutional amendment banning same-sex unions, even as the conservative who wrote a federal law denying recognition to such marriages said that law was sufficient.

In a preview of what is certain to be a politically charged debate, former Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., told a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing that the Constitution shouldn't be used as a vehicle for banning homosexual marriage. His remarks suggested that some of the strongest opposition to the proposed amendment may come from conservatives who abhor gay unions.

"We meddle with the Constitution to our own peril," Barr said.

**D.C. sniper attacks:** A judge on Tuesday in Fairfax, Va., set a tentative date of Oct. 4 for convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad's second trial, turning aside defense objections that it was too early to take such action.

Muhammad is on death row after being convicted last year in one of the 10 killings in the shooting spree that terrorized residents.



**World War II remembrances:** Former sailor and World War II veteran Alexander Aldoshkin, 77, holds a candle Tuesday while standing near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier next to the Kremlin wall in Moscow to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the Nazi invasion of the former Soviet Union. War memories remain strong in Russia, where losses reached 27 million people, touching almost every family.

deaths in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., in October 2002.

He made his first appearance in Fairfax County Circuit Court, where he is charged in another of the deaths, the Oct. 14, 2002, slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin.

## World

**North Korea nukes:** The United States, North Korea and four other nations agreed Tuesday to discuss a freezing of the North's nuclear program and inspections that would lead to its eventual dismantlement, a South Korean official said.

Some of the governments were working

on plans to offer the North aid in exchange for suspending its clandestine efforts to develop nuclear weapons.

The agreement was reached in two days of negotiations on an agenda for six-point talks that start Wednesday in Beijing.

**Polio outbreak:** Africa is on the brink of the biggest polio epidemic in years, with the crippling disease hitting Nigeria hard and re-emerging in Sudan's war-ravaged Darfur region, the World Health Organization said Tuesday in Geneva.

The number of polio cases globally has reached 333 so far this year, almost double the number for the same period last year. Total cases last year reached 783.

Polio is a water-borne disease that usually infects young children, attacking the nervous system and causing paralysis, muscular atrophy, deformation and sometimes death.

**Philippine peace talks:** Communist rebels and Philippines government negotiators opened a new round of peace talks in Oslo, Norway, on Tuesday with hopes of ending their 35-year armed conflict, but a dispute over the rebels being listed as a terrorist group could stall the process.

The third round of talks in the Norwegian capital this year focuses on an agreement for social and economic reforms, confidence building measures and a report from a new human rights monitoring committee.

The rebels, organized in the National Democratic Front umbrella group, have repeatedly said that they will not sign a lasting cease-fire until the root causes of the conflict, such as economic and social injustices, are addressed.

**Madrid bombings:** The parliamentary commission investigating the Madrid, Spain, train bombings released on Tuesday a list of 83 witnesses who might be called to testify. All seven groups on the panel named three officials who might be summoned to answer questions: former Interior Minister Angel Acebes, his successor Jose Antonio Alonso and the former head of the National Intelligence Center, Jorge Dercallaz.

Former Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar was requested to appear by smaller parties but not by the ruling Socialists nor by Aznar's Popular Party.

Also on the list are Morocco's Interior Minister Mustafa Sahel and German Interior Minister Otto Schily.

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# MRE menu continues evolving in 2005

## New items debut on Capitol Hill to mixed reviews

BY LISA BURGESS  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — As they design the combat rations that will keep U.S. troops fueled and moving in the field, the specialists at the Defense Department's Combat Feeding Directorate sometimes look for meals that provide emotional nourishment, as well as physical.

With its echoes of Thanksgiving meals with family and friends, "stuffing," said Kathy-Lynn Evangelos, an executive assistant in the feeding directorate, "is comfort food."

The stuffing, with its chunks of sausage and fresh herbs, was the hit of the day Thursday, when directorate staff traveled from the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., to Capitol Hill to give civilians a taste of the latest in troop combat chow.

Pending troop approval, cornbread stuffing may make a 2006 appearance in Meals, Ready to Eat.

Natick food technicians were kept busy dishing up more than a dozen other entrees, ranging from cheesy ham and potatoes to beef burgundy. Some are destined for the field as soon as 2005, while others, such as the stuffing, are still waiting for a thumbs-up from troops who will test them this summer.

Natick is continuing a push to improve combat rations that began after Operation Desert Storm, when MREs were so bad "the best way to eat them was wearing goggles and with a bad head cold," according to Gerald Darsch, head of the combat feeding group.

Since 1993, more than 150 new items have been improved for inclusions in the meals, and menus are reviewed and reformulated on a yearly basis, Darsch said.

Troops also have more variety to choose from: 24 different MRE menus, instead of 12.

### Expanded MRE offerings

The Meal, Ready-to-Eat is used by all the services to sustain individuals during operations that preclude organized food service facilities. The following is a list of new MRE meals.

#### MENU 1

Grilled beefsteak with mushroom gravy and western-style beans  
Jam  
Cracker  
Candy  
Streak sauce  
Dairy shake  
Red pepper  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 2

BBQ pork ribs  
New England clam chowder  
Cookie  
Cheddar cheese  
2 wheat snack bread  
Electrolyte drink  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 3

Beef ravioli  
Fruit, wet pack  
Fudge brownie  
Cheddar cheese  
Veg.-flavored cracker  
Chocolate-fortified drink  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 4

Cheese and veg. omelet  
Hash browns with bacon  
Toaster pastry  
Jam  
Cracker  
Candy  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet C

#### MENU 5

Chicken breast fillet  
Minestrone stew  
Pound cake  
Jalapeno cheese  
Wheat snack bread  
Candy  
French vanilla coffee  
Jalapeno ketchup  
Spoon  
Accessory packet B

#### MENU 6

Chicken fajita  
Yellow and wild rice pilaf  
Nut and raisin mix  
Cheddar cheese  
Tortilla  
French vanilla coffee  
Seasoning blend  
Spoon  
Accessory packet C

#### MENU 7

Chicken with salsa  
Mexican rice  
Shortbread cookie  
Jalapeno cheese  
Veg.-flavored cracker  
Mocha-flavored coffee  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet B

#### MENU 8

Hamburger patty  
Mexican-style macaroni and cheese  
Nacho-filled pretzels  
Bacon cheese  
2 wheat snack bread  
Cured beef snacks  
BBQ sauce  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet B

#### MENU 9

Beef stew  
Chocolate sports bar  
Peanut butter  
Cracker  
Dairy shake  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 10

Chili with macaroni  
Cookie  
Jalapeno cheese  
Wheat snack bread  
Candy  
Cocoa  
Red pepper  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 11

Penne with veg. sausage in spicy tomato sauce  
Dried fruit  
Pound cake  
Jalapeno cheese  
Cracker  
Electrolyte drink  
Seasoning blend  
Spoon  
Accessory packet C

#### MENU 12

Veggie burger in BBQ sauce (vegetarian)  
Dried fruit  
Cinnamon scone  
Cracker  
2 wheat snack bread  
Chocolate-fortified drink  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet B

#### MENU 13

Cheese tortellini (vegetarian)  
Spiced apples  
Pound cake  
Peanut butter  
Cracker  
Candy  
Seasoning blend  
Spoon  
Accessory packet C

#### MENU 14

Vegetable manicotti  
Fruit, wet pack  
Pound cake  
Peanut butter  
Cracker  
Ranger bar  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet B

#### MENU 15

Beef enchiladas  
Refined beans  
Cookie  
Jalapeno cheese  
Veg.-flavored cracker  
Peanut sauce  
Chocolate-fortified drink  
Red pepper  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 16

Chicken w/ noodles  
Fruit, wet pack  
Pretzels  
Cheddar cheese  
Cracker  
Cocoa  
Cocoa  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 17

Sloppy Joe filling  
Baked snack cracker  
Cheese  
Shortbread cookie  
Jalapeno cheese  
2 wheat snack bread  
Electrolyte drink  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 18

Cajun rice with sausage  
Cheddar-filled pretzels  
Peanut butter  
Cracker  
Nuts  
Chocolate-fortified drink  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 19

Pot roast with vegetables  
Dried fruit  
Cookie  
Peanut butter  
Cracker  
Cocoa  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 20

Spaghetti with meat sauce  
Blueberry-cherry cobbler  
Cheddar cheese  
Wheat snack bread  
Electrolyte drink  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 21

Chicken tetrazzini  
Cookies  
Jelly  
Cracker  
Dairy shake  
Seasoning blend  
Spoon  
Accessory packet C

#### MENU 22

Jambalaya  
Pound cake  
Jam  
Wheat snack bread  
Dairy shake  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 23

Chicken with cavatelli  
Fig bar  
Pound cake  
Bacon cheese  
Wheat snack bread  
Carbohydrate-fortified drink  
Hot sauce  
Spoon  
Accessory packet A

#### MENU 24

Meatloaf with gravy  
Mashed potatoes  
Vanilla waffle cookie  
Jelly  
Cracker  
Candy  
Cocoa  
Red pepper  
Spoon  
Accessory packet B

## 2005 MREs

### What's new

- Penne with spicy tomato sauce; sloppy Joe filling; chicken fajitas; cheese omelets with vegetables; tortillas; hash browns with bacon
- Smoke House almonds; Ranger bar; Cheese Nips; raisins, white chocolate; raspberry cookies; cinnamon scones; blueberry-cherry cobbler
- Carbohydrate-fortified beverage mix; carbohydrate-electrolyte beverage mix; jalapeno ketchup; steak sauce

### What's better

- The texture of many foods, thanks to better processing methods. Rice stays separate and isn't mushy; beef chunks are grained and chewy, like normal steak, instead of that "mystery meat" quality.

- More interesting seasoning. Many new entrees have clearly visible herbs, such as the oregano in tomato sauce, while others offer more sophisticated flavors, such as fire-roasted red peppers.

- Condiments are also more varied — not just salt or Tabasco sauce. New meals also offer red pepper, spicy ketchup and seasoning blends.

### What still needs work

- Keeping the taste and texture of cheese in meals prepared with it. "Cheese doesn't do well," even with the improved MRE processing methods, according to Janice Rosado, a physical scientist at the Combat Feeding Directorate.

- High cooking temperatures also prevent pasta from being offered "al dente," or chewy, although it isn't as mushy as it used to be, according to troop feedback.

Sources: Department of Defense Combat Feeding Directorate at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass.; interviews with military and civilian taste testers.

Source: DOD Combat Feeding Natick Soldier Center

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LISA BURGESS/Stars and Stripes

A new energy gel, similar to the gels first popular among runners, is one of the Combat Feeding Directorate's nutraceuticals. High in carbohydrates, which provide immediate fuel for the body, the gel will be included in the First Strike combat rations due to be fielded in 2008.

## Instant energy in a gel, gum

BY LISA BURGESS  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Defense Department's Combat Feeding Directorate is experimenting with ways to deliver instant energy to deployed troops — nutraceuticals.

A hybrid of the words "nutrition" and "pharmaceuticals," nutraceuticals are defined as any extract, from plant or animal material, that has health-related benefits beyond those obtained by normal nutritional means, according to the National Institutes of Health.

In the future, the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., might field a pill that a soldier would pop "instead of a turkey dinner," or a patch that would stay on a soldier's skin for days, all the time delivering microdoses of highly concentrated

nutrients, Combat Feeding leader Gerald Darsch said in a Thursday interview on Capitol Hill.

But for now, Natick has turned to the commercial world to produce its first two nutraceuticals: an energy gel similar to the ones popular among runners and a caffeinated chewing gum.

The gel, which actuator has the consistency of a light cake frosting rather than sticky syrup, is high in carbohydrates and glucose, which provide immediate fuel for the body. Packaged in a lightweight pouch, the gel can be consumed on the move, Darsch said.

The energy gel will be included in the First Strike combat rations due to be fielded in 2008, and depending on its popularity, may be considered for inclusion in regular MREs or as a supplemental item, Darsch said.

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# Blown tire keeps Clark, Scott from visiting Asia

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A visit to Asia from the U.S. Navy's top officer and top enlisted sailor was canceled Monday after a tire on their aircraft apparently blew out on takeoff from an Alaska runway, Yokosuka officials said Tuesday.

Although the plane landed safely, said Cmdr. John Wallach, spokesman for Commander, Naval Forces Japan, a delay in repairing made the trip for the chief of naval operations and the master chief petty officer of the Navy impractical.

"They didn't want to have high-ranking officials in Tokyo and Seoul having to try to rearrange their schedules," Wallach said. "A lot of their itinerary would have had to be sacrificed."

The trip, including stops in Japan and South Korea, was designed to enable Adm. Vern Clark and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott to meet with

Japanese and South Korean officials and visit U.S. sailors deployed in Asia, Wallach said.

Wallach said the mishap occurred Monday in Alaska. He said he didn't know where specifically or when it happened or what type of aircraft was involved. He said those aboard the plane heard an unusual noise on takeoff and the flight crew, unsure of what had made the noise, returned to the airport.

"It wasn't an emergency problem," Wallach said.

Pieces of rubber were found on the runway, he said, and it was determined a tire had blown out.

The group was grounded because a necessary part for the repair was unavailable, Wallach said.

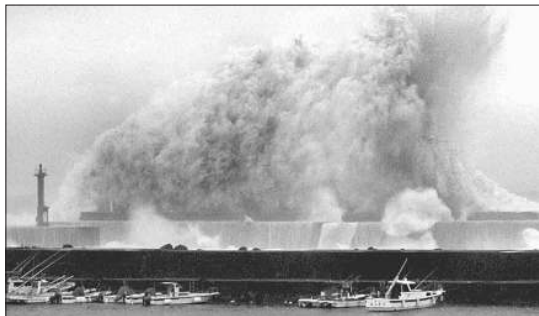
Clark, a four-star admiral, is the senior military officer of the Navy, reporting to the secretary of the Navy regarding naval command, use of resources and operating efficiency. As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the CNO also is the principal naval adviser to the president on war conduct.

As the Navy's senior enlisted person, Scott advises the CNO as chief of naval personnel on matters dealing with enlisted personnel and their families.

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Clark



KYODO NEWS/AP

A high wave lashes Aki, a fishing port in western Japan, on Monday. Typhoon Dianmu brought heavy rains and powerful winds to the region, forcing hundreds to evacuate their homes. Spokesmen for U.S. bases on the Kanto Plain said that, although wind gusts felled some trees, cleanup likely would take less than a day.

## Dianmu done with bases

### Typhoon damage limited to fallen trees

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Kanto Plain-area military bases spent Tuesday cleaning up fallen trees and limbs felled by Typhoon Dianmu, which blew through the region early Monday night, dumping rain and rattling windows with wind gusts up to 58 mph.

"We received a total of 0.86 inches of rain," said Capt. David Westover, a Yokota Air Base spokesman, adding that the maximum wind speed on base was measured at 57 mph. "Some small trees were knocked down and small branches and other vegetation were picked up by the wind."

He also said that the winds caused some power lines to blow together briefly, causing outages across the base, but most of the power returned within minutes.

"For most of the outages, the system performed self-checks and came online within a few minutes," Westover said. He said all circuits in question had been checked and restored to full operation by Tuesday afternoon.

"We got about three-fourths [of an] inch of rain" and gusts up to 58 mph, said Brian Naranjo, public affairs officer for Atsugi Naval Air Facility. "We

had no major damage, just tree branches and a few fallen trees."

Both Naranjo and Westover expected cleanup from the storm to be completed by Tuesday afternoon.

"Engineers are removing any fallen trees or debris," Westover said. "Follow-up actions will be assessed and scheduled over the next few days."

Yokosuka Naval Base, Camp Zama and Misawa Air Base officials reported no damage from the storm. Yokosuka received 0.1 inch of rain with wind gusts up to 56 mph; Zama's gusts approached 52 mph with 1.17 inches of rainfall. Misawa Air Base reported 1.4 inches of rain attributable to the storm and gusts of 47 mph.

The Japan Meteorological Agency reported that Typhoon Dianmu dumped an average of 0.63 inches of rain on the Kanto Plain region.

According to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency, Dianmu, which means "Mother of Lightning" in Mandarin Chinese, accounted for two deaths, two missing-person reports and 85 injuries. One-hundred-seventy-six flights were canceled at Narita and Haneda airports in the Tokyo area Monday, according to information from the Japanese airline industry.

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# S. Korean hostage beheaded by militants

BY TODD PITMAN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An Iraqi militant group beheaded its South Korean hostage, officials said Tuesday, just hours after a go-between said the execution had been delayed and there were negotiations for the man's release.

The South Korean Foreign Ministry issued a statement confirming that Kim Sun-il had been killed but did not say he was beheaded.

However, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, coalition deputy operations chief, said the body of an Asian male was found west of Baghdad on Tuesday evening.

"It appears that the body had been thrown from a vehicle," Kimmitt said in a statement. "The man had been beheaded, and the head was recovered with the body."

Kim's body was found by the U.S. military between Baghdad and Fallujah, 22 miles west of the capital, at 5:20 p.m. Iraq time, said South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman Shin Bong-ki.

After news of Kim's death broke, South Korean television showed Kim's distraught family members weeping and rocking back and forth with grief at their home in the southeastern port city of Pusan.

The South Korean embassy in Baghdad confirmed that the body was Kim's by posting a picture of the remains it received by e-mail, Shin said.

Kim, 33, worked for Gana General Trading Co., a South Korean company supplying the U.S. military in Iraq. He was ab-



Family members of Kim Sun-il, who had been kidnapped in Iraq, cry at their home in Pusan, South Korea, shortly after hearing that he had been executed Wednesday by Iraqi militants.

ducted last week, according to the South Korean government.

A videotape of Kim, apparently made shortly before his death, showed him kneeling, blindfolded and wearing an orange jumpsuit similar to those issued to prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Five hooded men stood behind Kim, one

reading a statement and gesturing with his right hand. Another captor had a big knife slipped in his belt.

One of the masked men said the message was intended for the Korean people. "This is what your hands have committed. Your army has not come here for the sake of Iraq, but for cursed America."

The video as broadcast did not show Kim being executed.

President Bush condemned the beheading as "barbaric" and said he remained confident that South Korea would go ahead with plans to send thousands of troops to Iraq. "The free world cannot be intimidated by the brutal actions of these barbaric people," the president said.

In a dispatch from Baghdad, South Korea's Yonhap news agency quoted an "informed source" as saying that negotiations with the kidnappers collapsed over the South Korean government's refusal to drop its plan to send troops.

Also Tuesday, gunmen opened fire on a U.S. military convoy north of the capital, killing two American soldiers and wounding a third, the military said.

The convoy was attacked by small arms fire at 12:45 p.m. near Balad, 50 miles from Baghdad, the military said in a statement.

In Fallujah, U.S. troops launched an airstrike on a safehouse used by followers of Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi — the second strike against the terror network in three days, the U.S. military said.

Kimmitt said the strike involved precision weapons to "target and destroy" the safehouse and was based on "multiple confirmations of actionable intelligence."

"Wherever and whenever we find elements of the Zarqawi network, we will attack them," he said.

U.S. officials offered no casualty figures, but Al-Jazeera television reported that three people were killed and six were wounded.

## MRE: Capitol Hill staffers uninspired by expanded offerings

### Energy: Gum to deliver coffee jolt

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The Marine Corps asked Natick to provide samples of the gel for Marines to try while deployed to Afghanistan and have been so impressed that service leaders "have now committed to buy" it in bulk, Darsch said. Funding has yet to be secured, however.

The second is Stay Alert Caffeine Gum, a cinnamon-flavored chew that delivers 100 milligrams of caffeine per piece — roughly equivalent to a cup of brewed coffee, which ranges from 80 to 135 mg.

Stay Alert is produced by Amurrol Confections, which in-

troduced a 50-milligram-per-stick gum in 1998.

Commercial versions of caffeine gum are readily available, but most offer considerably less punch. Jolt gum has 40 mg of caffeine, or less than half of Stay Alert, while Black Black, a Japanese brand, has just 10 mg of caffeine per stick.

Stay Alert is so powerful that package directions warn against chewing more than three pieces in three hours, or 10 sticks per day.

Like the energy gel, the five-stick packs of Stay Alert will be included in the First Strike combat ration.

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A larger selection is important for morale, First Sgt. Colin Rich, a combat veteran with the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment out of Fort Bragg.

"Variety is the spice of life," Rich, who attended the tasting session, told Stars and Stripes.

Variety is especially critical for the minority of troops who have to eat MREs for weeks, and occasionally months, on end. Darsch said he's heard from a one-star general deployed to Iraq who together with his troops ate "nothing but MREs, three times a day, for 118 days straight."

"I think that may be a record," he said.

Told that many servicemembers eat MREs for weeks at a time, Richard Hoar, a 22-year-old staffer on the House Committee

for Education in the Workforce, looked startled.

"I feel bad for them," he said after eating his first military rations. "It's pretty bland."

Then he looked impressed. "More power to them," Hoar said.

A fellow staffer on the education committee, 23-year-old Donald McIntosh, said the spread was uninspiring.

"It looked good when I first saw it, but everything tastes the same, honestly," said McIntosh of his first encounter with MREs.

"But I ate it all, if that says anything," McIntosh said.

"Tabasco helped," he said — a discovery made by countless chowhounds before him.

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## IN THE WORLD

## Chechen rebels attack Russian region

57 killed in fight targeting law enforcement

BY YURI BAGROV  
The Associated Press

CHERMEN, Russia — Thousands of federal troops streamed into a southern Russian republic on Tuesday in pursuit of suspected Chechen rebels who attacked police and government buildings in coordinated assaults that officials said killed at least 57 people.

The dead included 47 law-enforcement officers or officials, the ITAR-Tass news agency cited Beslan Khankoyev, acting interior minister of the republic of Ingushetia, as saying.

The United Nations office of humanitarian aid in coordination in Russia said a U.N. worker, Magomed Getagazov, was among the dead, caught in a crossfire while returning home from work in Nazran, the main city of Ingushetia.

The militants' foray into Ingushetia underscored the Russian military's failure to defeat separatists in neighboring Chechnya after five years of fighting and raised new fears that violence could spread to other parts of southern Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin flew to the republic of Ingushetia late Tuesday to meet with its president Murat Zyazikov, where he praised Ingush soldiers and police for putting up fierce resistance to the attackers.

Putin, frowning, ordered authorities "to find and destroy" the raiders. "Those who can be caught must be taken alive and brought to trial," Putin told a Kremlin meeting of police and security officials, in remarks aired on state television.

The raid came amid preparations for an August election in Chechnya to replace Kremlin-backed Chechen President Akhmad Kady-

rov, killed last month in a bomb attack. Kadyrov's death was seen as a significant blow to Putin's efforts to bring some stability to war-torn Chechnya.

Shortly before midnight Monday, about 100 fighters armed with grenade and rocket launchers seized the Interior Ministry in Nazran and attacked border guard posts there and in two villages near the border with Chechnya, Karabulak and Yandare, regional emergency officials said.

Russian authorities sent in reinforcements shortly after dawn Tuesday. The troops moved into Nazran through the border village of Chermen in neighboring North Ossetia, in a long column of armored personnel carriers and army trucks. But by midmorning most of the militants had already fled into the thick forests on the border of Ingushetia and Chechnya, authorities said. Ingush President Murat Zyazikov told Interfax news agency that a large number of weapons and ammunition were also missing from police depots.

Russian news media reported only two militant deaths. An Associated Press reporter also saw the body of one militant near Yandare. At least one group of rebels were caught by police as they retreated through Galashki, near the Chechen border, said Yakhya Khadzhiyev, spokesman for Ingushetia's Interior Ministry.

Maj. Gen. Ilya Shabalnikov, spokesman for the Russian forces in Chechnya, blamed Chechen rebels for planning the attacks but said the raids were carried out by fighters recruited from both Chechnya and Ingushetia, the Interfax-Military News Agency reported.

"The attacks were clearly saber-rattling, aimed to demonstrate the rebels' effectiveness to attract funding from foreign terrorist networks," he was quoted as saying.



An Ingush man cries next to a burned-out jeep in Nazran, Ingushetia, on Tuesday. Thousands of federal troops streamed into a southern Russian city on Tuesday in pursuit of suspected Chechen rebels who set fire to police and government buildings, killing at least 57 people, including 47 law-enforcement officers and high-ranking officials, in a series of brazen overnight attacks.

## Nuclear ship ban

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — New Zealand's main opposition party said Tuesday that it has abandoned plans to abolish a ban on nuclear ships visiting the country should it win in the next elections. After weeks of debate, National Party lawmakers decided to leave untouched the anti-nuclear ban, which sparked a crisis in relations with the United States when it was passed into law.

National Party leader Don Brash said Tuesday that there appeared to be little public enthusiasm for the change.

## Bowie hit with lollipop

OSLO, Norway — Halfway through his third song at a Norwegian music festival, an object came flying out of the crowd and hit superstar David Bowie in the eye.

It was a lollipop, and probably sent as a message of adoration since Norwegians call the sweets "Love on a Stick."

But in this case the target of the fan's affection was clearly hurt by Friday's incident, not seriously. Bowie backed off the runway, hunched over and was assisted by his set crew.

Within moments, he was facing the crowd of 7,500 at the Norwegian Wood Festival in Oslo and he was furious.

Swearing at the unknown culprit, Bowie said he had lost one good eye. The other was damaged in a childhood fight.

"Lucky you hit the bad one," Bowie said, demanding to know "who threw the lollipop. No one standing in the cold and drizzle came forward."

## Filipino protester hiding

MANILA, Philippines — A disqualified presidential candidate who scattered steel spikes on Manila's streets went into hiding Tuesday as police prepared criminal charges against him.

Elly Famatong, head of the Discovery Crusade of the Philippines Inc., apologized for the 100 cars whose tires were damaged by the spikes Monday but defended his action as a political protest.

The flamboyant lawyer and Muslim leader also had chained himself to the gates of the Elections Commission after it disqualified him from the May 10 election as a "nuisance" candidate.

Officials initially thought the spikes were part of a plot to block the inauguration of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who victory was finally confirmed over the weekend.

From wire reports

## Lawyer: Four Bahrainis accused of terror ties

BY ADNAN MALIK  
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — Authorities arrested six Bahrainis in pre-dawn raids Tuesday, alleging they have ties to al-Qaida, a defense lawyer said.

The official Bahrain News Agency confirmed six arrests but said only that they were made "to prevent them from committing

dangerous acts that threaten property and people."

The raids were carried out early Tuesday, when the men were taken from their homes, said Abdullah Hashim, a lawyer representing five of the suspects.

"My clients were picked up early this morning, and I believe they have no links to al-Qaida," Hashim said.

Brothers Yaser Kamal, 27, who owns a used car dealership, and Omar Abdullah Mohamed Kamal, 18, were among those arrested.

"As soon as my husband answered the door, they just barged in," said Yaser Kamal's wife, Umm Saad.

She described her husband, a member of the conservative Wahabi movement, as a religious man who prays five times daily. "He is a devout Muslim, but he also has interest in football," Umm Saad said.

Wahabism is strong in neighboring Saudi Arabia, and critics of the doctrine claim it nurtures Islamic extremism and militancy.

Umm Saad said her husband's computer, CDs and audiotapes were seized.

She also said he had been detained in Kuwait last year and eventually deported home to Bahrain. She said he was not told why.

The four others detained were identified by attorney Hashim as Bassam Bukhuwa, Bassam al-Ali, Mohammed Khan and Ali Khan.

The rash of terror attacks carried out in the past two months against Westerners in Saudi Arabia has prompted some to look into relocating to Bahrain, which is more relaxed and Westernized and is a short drive to the eastern Saudi oil hub of Khobar.

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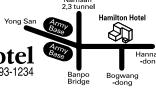
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A federal judge's approval Tuesday of a sex-discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart moves forward the largest private civil rights case in U.S. history.

AP



# Wal-Mart class-action suit OK'd

BY DAVID KRAVETS  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge on Tuesday approved class-action status for a sex-discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores Inc. that has become the largest private civil rights case in U.S. history.

It could represent as many as 1.6 million current and former female

employees of the retailing giant.

The suit alleges Wal-Mart created a system that frequently pays its female workers less than their male counterparts for comparable jobs and bypasses women for key promotions.

Wal-Mart, the largest private employer in the United States and the world's largest retailer, sought to limit the scope of the lawsuit that was filed three years ago.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Mona Williams told The Associated Press earlier Tuesday that the Bentonville, Arkansas-based company will appeal and is confident that it does not discriminate against women employees.

U.S. District Judge Martin Jenkins took nine months to decide whether to expand the lawsuit to include virtually all women who would or have worked at Wal-Mart's 3,500 stores nationwide since 1998. His ruling makes the lawsuit the largest class action in the United States.

The ruling is pivotal because it gives lawyers for the women tremendous leverage as they pursue punitive damages, back pay and other compensation.

"I think it's a terrific victory for the women who work at Wal-Mart, who have labored for years under working conditions where they have been told repeatedly they have been unsuitable for management and not suitable to make as much as men," said Joseph Sellers, one of the attorneys representing the women.

Betty Dukes, one of the women spearheading the suit, said she was paid just \$8.44 per hour during her first nine years working at a variety of positions at Wal-Mart's store in Pittsburg, California, while several men holding similar jobs but less seniority earned \$9 per hour.

Wal-Mart contends its stores operate with so much autonomy that they are like independent businesses with different management styles that affect the way women are paid and promoted.

## Marine's wife pleads guilty to plotting for his murder

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A Marine's wife pleaded guilty Monday to conspiring to have him killed by a fellow Marine while he was stationed in Kuwait.

Wendy Glass, 34, of Yuma, Ariz., admitted in federal court to having an affair with the other Marine, and said they conspired to kill her husband, James Glass.

James Glass and Larry Franness were deployed from Marine Corps Air Station-Yuma to a Kuwaiti air base in early 2003. Franness tried to kill Glass with a grenade after luring him to a guard shack, prosecutors said.

Glass was injured but survived. Franness pleaded guilty in February in military court to charges that included attempted murder and adultery. He is serving a life sentence.

Because Wendy Glass cooperated in the prosecution of Franness, her prosecutors have recommended a sentence of a little more than eight years. Sentencing was scheduled Sept. 13.



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Leat Khalifeh, second left, of Brooklyn, N.Y., uses a barricade for support as she waits in a line outside a Manhattan Barnes & Noble bookstore Tuesday, where former President Clinton was scheduled to sign copies of his book, "My Life." Khalifeh started waiting in line outside the bookstore at 3 a.m.

## Clinton fans line up at N.Y. book signing

BY SARA KUGLER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bill Clinton was greeted like a rock star Tuesday as he arrived at a Manhattan store for his first book-signing appearance.

Amid cheers, applause and screams of "Bill, we love you!" the former president entered a Barnes & Noble book store in Rockefeller Center about a half-hour late and began signing his memoir, "My Life."

"I'm glad it's finally happening. I've been waiting for this for two years," Clinton told the crowd of his writing experience.

Fans had started lining up outside the store the night before to meet Clinton and get his autograph.

"Bill Clinton is a rock star," said Lynne Roberts, 37, who set up camp on the sidewalk Monday night. "He is our cultural icon and we miss him now more than ever, given everything that's going on in the world."

Although fans were told there would be no time to talk to Clinton, Dana Scinto said she would try to convey a message anyway.

## Poll: Public approval falling for Bush's handling of terror

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amid rising disenchantment with the war in Iraq, President Bush has lost ground on the issue that is central to his public support: fighting terrorism.

An ABC News-Washington Post poll released Monday found that approval of Bush's handling of terrorism has dropped to 50 percent, with 48 percent disapproving. As recently as April, more than six in 10 approved of his handling of terrorism.

Kerry now runs even with Bush in trust to handle this issue.

Bush led Kerry by 13 points on

"I want to thank him for eight fun years where he didn't insist my intelligence or rule by fear, like our current president," said Scinto, 39.

By midmorning, police had estimated at least 1,000 people were in the line. A sea of umbrellas popped open as rain began falling.

Abroad, the book also went on sale Tuesday in Britain and Ireland, translated copies were being readied in France for a Wednesday launch.

In other countries where translations remained months away, "My Life" arrived in the form of newspaper serializations that focused largely either on Clinton's relationship with his wife, Hillary, or with Monica Lewinsky.

In the United States, bookstores in New York, Washington and Little Rock, Ark., stayed open late Monday night for buyers who wanted to buy copies right at midnight.

Alfred A. Knopf gave the memoir a first printing of 1.5 million. Mary Ellen Keating, a spokeswoman for Barnes & Noble, said she expected the book to be the best-selling presidential memoir in the company's history.

this issue a month ago in this poll, and by 21 points the month before.

More than half, 52 percent, said the war in Iraq was not worth fighting — the first time a majority in this poll has said so.

Kerry held a slight lead in the poll with the support of 48 percent of registered voters, while Bush had 44 percent and independent Ralph Nader had 6 percent. An NPR poll out Monday showed Bush and Kerry running even.

The ABC-Post poll of 1,201 adults was taken June 17-20 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

## Vets' health care vote lures Kerry off the campaign trail

BY NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry canceled a campaign swing to New Mexico and returned to the Capitol on Tuesday to vote on a Senate bill requiring mandatory funding of health care for military veterans, a constituency he has courted since the beginning of his bid.

"Campaigning for president has made Kerry a rare figure in the Senate for most of the year. He has participated in just 14 of 132 votes since January, according to an Associated Press tally."

However, Kerry said the veterans health care bill drew him back to Washington.

"It's a particular issue that's been very critical to me," Kerry told reporters as he walked into the Capitol. "It's central to something I want to get done."

Asked if he was meeting with anyone he is considering for a running mate, Kerry said, "I'm going to have lots of meetings today."



Presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is introduced before speaking at a reception Monday in Denver.

Kerry, who served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, rarely gives a speech in which he doesn't call for better benefits for veterans.

"I have met thousands of veterans as I travel across this country who fought with pride and honor, but still don't have the quality health care they need," Kerry said in a statement issued Monday night while campaigning in

Colorado. "I will return to Washington to fight for them."

President Bush opposes mandatory veterans health care funding.

Bush campaign advisers say mandatory funding would put all veterans in the federally funded health care system, even those who have health coverage elsewhere, and would reduce the amount available to cover veterans who need the care most.

## Nader taps Camejo to be running mate

BY SAM HANANEL

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Presidential candidate Ralph Nader on Monday tapped longtime Green Party activist Peter Camejo to be his running mate, a move certain to boost the independent's chances of winning the Green Party's endorsement this week and its dozen ballot lines in nearly two dozen states.

"He is a man who has put his principles in practice, who has fought the struggles of the civil rights movement, the labor rights



Camejo

movement in the '60s and '70s," Nader said as he introduced Camejo at a news conference.

An investment adviser from Folsom, Calif., Camejo had been one of two leading contenders for the Green Party's presidential nomination this year. But he is lit-

tle-known outside California, where he received about 3 percent of the vote as the Green Party's candidate for California governor during the 2003 recall drive that led to the ouster of Democratic Gov. Gray Davis and the election of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"I'm a member of the Green Party, I'm very proud of being a Green," Camejo said. "But I am so happy to join with Ralph Nader in the broader coalition he is trying to build to present an alternative for this election that stands on the principles of social justice, peace in the world and equality."

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Escorted by a chase plane, SpaceShipOne glides to a landing at Mojave, Calif., after its first civilian space flight Monday. The aircraft's designer said much development remains before commercial travel is feasible.

# Rocket plane designer says space tourism still far off

BY JOHN ANTCAK  
The Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — The chubby-looking, stub-winged aircraft that cracked the commercial space flight barrier this week may have made a great leap forward in aviation history, but the man who designed it believes we are still a long way from regular space tourism.

SpaceShipOne, designed by aviation pioneer Burt Rutan, soared to 328,491 feet above Earth on Monday, just a little more than 400 feet above the distance scientists widely consider to be the boundary of space. The flight lasted 90 minutes.

However, Rutan said there was a serious malfunction in part of the system that fine-tunes the flight controls. He said that will have to be fixed before the craft flies again.

Pilot Mike Melvill, who has set world records for altitude and speed and logged more than 6,400 hours of flight time in fixed-wing aircraft and seven helicopters, said the experience "blew me away."

"It was really an awesome sight," he said of gazing down at the Earth's curvature from 62 miles

above, of seeing the planet in all its various colors and gazing at the California coastline from Los Angeles to San Diego.

"It was like nothing I'd ever seen before," he said. "You really do get the feeling that you've touched the face of God when you do something like this," the 63-year-old pilot added.

His flight led to immediate speculation that the well-heeled would pay plenty for the experience. But Rutan said he has doubts space tourism will be feasible anytime soon.

SpaceShipOne was designed by one of two dozen teams trying to win the \$10 million Ansari X Prize, which will go to the first that can launch a three-seat spacecraft to an altitude of 62 miles twice in 14 days. SpaceShipOne's effort is bankrolled by billionaire Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, who is spending more than \$20 million.

The three-seat requirement demonstrates the capacity for paying customers, the quick turnaround between flights demonstrates reusability and reliability.

But for a commercial venture to be successful, Rutan said he believes a spacecraft would need at least six seats.

# Senate OKs tenfold hike in broadcast indecency fines

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the latest effort to curb indecency over the airwaves, the Senate on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved raising the maximum fines for broadcasters and personalities who cross the line.

Under the measure passed by a 99-1 vote, the maximum fine for

both broadcasters and entertainers would increase to up to \$275,000 per indecent incident, up from \$27,500 for license holders and \$11,000 for personalities, for a maximum fine of \$3 million a day.

The House passed a similar bill calling for \$500,000 fines for indecent incidents, and differences between the two must be worked

out.

The tenfold increase approved by the Senate was "a clear statement by the Senate that they are deeply troubled by the growing invasion over the airwaves," said GOP Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas, who sponsored the legislation.

The Senate moved the measure without debate as part of the massive defense bill expected to be

approved later this week. The only senator to vote against the bill was Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

Federal law and FCC rules prohibit over-the-air radio and TV stations from airing offensive material that refers to sexual and excretory functions between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., when children may be tuned in.

There are no such restrictions

for cable and satellite TV and satellite radio.

Introduced in January following FCC Chairman Michael Powell's call for higher fines, the bill wound up on a fast track to passage after the now-famous Feb. 1 Super Bowl halftime show that ended with singer Justin Timberlake partially exposing Janet Jackson's breast to 90 million viewers.

## Repairs to brighten Vietnam wall

WASHINGTON — Alternating portions of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be closed off to visitors by a plywood fence through October as part of a \$1 million light-replacement project, officials said.

The eastern half of the black granite memorial is closed until mid-August, when the fence will be moved to the western end. The new lighting system is intended to more evenly illuminate the wall.

The existing lighting system is 19 years old.

"There's no access, and that's because of all the heavy equipment," said Judy Keyserling, a spokeswoman with the nonprofit Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, which built and administers the memorial.

"The wall is pretty delicate and they don't want to damage it, so they've had to board it up," she said.

## Lollapalooza festival cancels all dates

NEW YORK — The Lollapalooza music festival tour has been canceled because of poor ticket sales, according to its Web site.

The tour, featuring Morrissey, Sonic Youth and The Flaming Lips, had been set to begin July 14 in Auburn, Wash., and continue through August, including stops in Toronto, New York, Atlanta and Dallas.

Tour organizers and concert promoters "faced with several million dollars of losses, made the very tough decision to pull the tour," the Web site said Tuesday.

The two-day, traveling hippie-like music festival that began in 1991 took a hiatus in 1997 and returned last year.

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## FACES 'N' PLACES

## Terminally linked: Hanks, Spielberg reunite on film

BY TERRY LAWSON  
Knight Ridder Newspress

Tom Hanks had this problem. Having felt, he says, incredibly grateful that Steven Spielberg had given him a chance to the sort of part he never imagined getting, Hanks spent the weekend following the first days of shooting "Saving Private Ryan" in Cork County, Ireland, dreading a confrontation he knew he had to have. "This movie was really a big deal for me," says Hanks. "I had been pinching myself because I couldn't believe I was doing it. And then we start working, and I see that the 2½ pages of dialogue I had to shoot for the next scene were just bad, idiotic.

And I knew I was going to have to talk to Steven about it. ... So I get to the set, and I'm ... fretting about this, and Steven comes in and says: 'Tom, that dialogue in the next scene is just unfixable, so I'm just going to take it out.' And it was at that moment I thought, you know, this thing really could work out."

The collaboration that began with "Saving Private Ryan" continues with the third



Hanks

feature film starring Tom Hanks and directed by Steven Spielberg. "The Terminal" was loosely inspired by the true story of an Iranian refugee who has been living in Charles de Gaulle International Airport in France since 1988, having arrived there with no passport. (He has since proved his political refugee status, but chooses to remain in the airport.)

"We talk about various projects a lot, pass things to each other," says Spielberg. "But we seem to know each other well enough to be right. 'Catch Me If You Can' we sort of knew from the start would be right. Tom was on this one before me, but when I got a look at a rewrite by Jeff Nathanson, I got excited enough to want to do it together."

Hanks had already signed on to "The Terminal," in which he plays Viktor Navorski, a citizen of a fictional Balkan state called Krakozhia. At almost the exact moment Viktor is going through customs at an unidentified New York City airport, a military coup in his country renders his passport invalid.

That leaves him unable to enter the United States or to return to Krakozhia, and Viktor's problem is exacerbated by an ambitious customs official (Stanley Tucci) who does his best to be unhelpful.

"Tom and I are on the same wavelength," Spielberg says. "The things that make him smile make me smile, and we have a lot of the same interests — and that gets reflected in the movies."

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## YOUR MONEY

## Potential home buyers weigh tax breaks

## Real estate shoppers shouldn't assume benefits will help costs

*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — As home prices continue to soar in many parts of the United States, real estate brokers and agents are increasingly eager to point out the tax benefits that go along with home ownership, reminding potential buyers that these breaks can make a house less expensive than it seems.

Some even draw up sheets showing how the deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes reduce the real after-tax cost of the house.

But while the tax benefits are indeed real, the tax laws have become so complicated that a generalized set of calculations, which the agents typically use, may or may not reflect what a buyer will see on his or her actual tax return.

Thus, potential home buyers who are thinking of relying on tax benefits to make their new houses affordable should run their own numbers though their computer or take them to an accountant to be sure they don't bite off more house than they can pay for.

The two provisions of today's tax code most likely to rearrange the numbers are the increased standard deduction for couples and the alternative minimum tax for higher-income home buyers.

said Bob D. Scharin, editor of Warren, Gorham & Lamont/RIA's Practical Tax Strategies, a monthly journal for tax professionals.

He noted that last year Congress gave the standard deduction a big boost for married couples as part of its effort to ease the so-called marriage penalty on two-income couples. However, it's temporary unless lawmakers extend it, making planning even harder than usual.

And the alternative minimum tax continues to creep up on middle-class taxpayers, despite minor relief enacted recently.

A third key factor is the buyer's tax bracket. The higher the bracket, the more valuable the deductions become. At the same time, a person barely into a higher bracket can see his taxable income reduced to the point where he is mostly in a lower bracket, cutting the benefit.

In simplest terms, the tax savings from a deduction are equal to your tax bracket. For example, assume Anne and Ben are solidly in the 25 percent tax bracket and already itemize their deductions, such as state income tax, because they exceed the standard deduction of \$9,700. If they buy a house for which they will pay \$10,000 a year in mortgage interest and

Higher up the income scale, other complications set in.

The alternative minimum tax, or AMT, requires taxpayers to recompute their taxable income by using a large standard deduction and ignoring certain deductions they are allowed to take for regular tax purposes. They then figure their AMT, using a 26 or 28 percent rate, and pay whichever is higher, their regular tax or the AMT.

Among the ordinary deductions not allowed under the AMT are state and local taxes. Taxpayers subject to the AMT can take a serious hit because of this.

For example, said Scharin, assume Gail and Howard are subject to the AMT and pay tax at the 26 percent AMT rate. Suppose the \$10,000 of homeowner deductions to which they will become entitled is composed of \$3,000 in property taxes and \$7,000 in mortgage interest. Result: Their tax saving will be \$1,820 (\$0 for the real estate tax plus 26 percent of

Another pothole for upper-income taxpayers is a provision — sometimes referred to as “Pease,” after the congressman whose idea it was — that causes itemized deductions on Schedule A, where mortgage interest and

taxes are listed, to start to phase out for taxpayers above a certain income (\$142,700 for a couple). Thus, even taxpayers lucky enough to escape the AMT can see the benefit of homeowner de-

It's hard to predict where tax laws will go in the next few years, but if rates rise, as many expect, the best guess is that deductions will become more valuable. But also try to gaze into your own future, and see what you think your situation will be.

"Computations become more

complex when projecting multi-year tax savings," Scharin said. "Homeowners are likely to find their deductions varying from year to year. It's important to plan as much as possible when buying."

## Sensibility

Money tip of the day

### Indly states

How much you pay each year in taxes could vary by as much as tens of thousands of dollars from state to state. The same assets that generated a tax bill of \$7,259 last year in Wyoming would have cost \$56,419 in Rhode Island.

The five most wealth-friendly states were Wyoming, Nevada, Tennessee, Alabama and Alaska. The five "tax-hell" states were Rhode Island, Wisconsin, New York, Vermont and Nebraska.

To find where your state falls, visit <http://wealth.bloomberg.com>

**As new-home prices continue to rise in the States, real estate agents have been touting the tax breaks that accompany home ownership.**

real estate taxes, their tax saving will be \$2,500 (25 percent of \$10,000).

Carol and Dennis have the same income as Anne and Ben, but live in a state with no income tax. Their only expenses eligible

for itemized deductions before the home purchase are \$700 in charitable contributions. Without any homeowner deductions, they would claim a standard deduction of \$9,700. With the extra \$10,000 of deductions, they will have itemized deductions of \$10,700.

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New York Merc close	
Gold	\$394.00
Silver	\$5.858

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.00
Discount rate	2.00
Federal funds market rate	1.00
3-month bill	1.315
30-year bond	5.37

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

**Cents and Sensibility**  
Money tip of the day  
**Wealth-friendly states**

**CBS MarketWatch**

Wyoming is America's "wealth-friendliest state," while Rhode Island is the "most wealth-hostile," according to an annual study.

**Bloomberg Wealth Manager**

How much you pay each year in taxes could vary by as much as tens of thousands of dollars from state to state. The same analysts that generated a tax bill of \$7,259 last year in Wyoming would have cost \$56,419 in Rhode Island.

The five most wealth-friendly states were Wyoming, Nevada, Tennessee, Alabama and Alaska. The five "tax-hell" states were Rhode Island, Wisconsin, New York, Vermont and Nebraska.

each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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## OPINION

## Post-handover Iraq: counting on GIs' support

BY ROBERT B. KILLEBREW

The link between politics and war will be very apparent when the new transitional Iraqi government begins calling the shots on the streets of Baghdad. The current policy of Iraqi politics demands that the Iraqi leadership show its independence from the very occupier that protects its emerging government. This is both good and bad news for American forces in the country.

The good news is that Iraqi security forces will be taking more responsibility for policing Iraq — as they must, if Iraqis are ever to have any government at all. The bad news, though, is that American forces will now begin the slow, and occasionally frustrating, business of coordinating their operations with an ally — in this case, a weaker but more assertive ally — that, paradoxically, both needs American power and must show it is independent of it.

The transition is going to be tough for the soldiers and Marines on the ground, who will no longer have the freedom of action they exercised while the United States was an occupying power. Before, if they saw a target, they could try to hit it. Now, their actions are going to be more constrained by the need to clear operations with the host.

Many U.S. commanders and noncommissioned officers are veterans of negotiations with other armies — the American experience in Bosnia, Kosovo and elsewhere will pay off as soldiers on both sides in Iraq struggle to overcome language and cultural barriers to effective operations. Overcoming these barriers will be critical in the face of a rising Iraqi and foreign insurgency, and as the burden of security begins shifting from

America to a legitimate Iraqi government. The mechanics of that shift on the ground will be delicate.

Initially, U.S. forces will retain considerable operational leeway but, as Iraqi authority grows, joint Iraqi-American civil and military planning will increasingly become the order of the day, and U.S. troops will slip more and more into training, support and backup roles for the Iraqi army and police.

But since the terrorists' primary goal is to sever the relationship between the Americans and the nascent Iraqi government, we can expect stepped-up attacks on U.S. forces after June 30.

How will U.S. troops respond? Despite the new constraints under which they will operate, the troops will retain the right to respond when attacked without asking anyone's permission. Follow-up operations to track down terrorist cells, corner insurgents in their holes and dig them out will be joint U.S.-Iraqi undertakings, particularly in urban areas. Managing the mix of forces and responses will take political and military savvy on both sides of the alliance.

For American commanders, "support" and "backup" pose some peculiar challenges. U.S. military doctrine emphasizes aggressive, decisive operations — waiting to be hit is not the American style. So the transition to support and defensive operations, even as the terrorists escalate their attacks, will be a major change.

There will be enough fighting in Iraq for the foreseeable future to keep the troops from going slack, but new techniques and tactics for sharing the combat load will have to be developed — in fact, are probably being developed now — and new ways to co-



ordinate political and military efforts at the local and national levels will have to be worked out. It's not going to be easy — but then, nothing has been in Iraq.

If the new Iraqi army makes a decent showing and local security forces stick to their guns, American troops on the ground will undertake more operations in coordination with both groups and fewer that involve purely U.S. patrols and sweeps. This is as it should be.

As Iraqi forces become more expert, American forces will be less visible in populated areas, and American garrisons may be

relocated farther away from cities.

The U.S. forces will provide backup for the Iraqi forces. They'll train with, support and, on occasion, fight alongside them — but within a political context that will seek to minimize the Americans' contributions. Assuming the Iraqis can handle the job, the shifting U.S. emphasis from independent offensive operations to support of the new nation's own armed forces is good news for both America and for Iraq.

Robert Killebrew, a retired U.S. Army colonel who served in infantry and special forces units, now writes and speaks on defense issues. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

## Moore's new film takes liberties with a hot topic

BY JAMES K. GLASSMAN

Scripts Howard

Michael Moore, once a scruffy maker of cheap, funny, satirical documentaries, now puffs himself with the plaudits of the metropolises of Hollywood and Cannes. Having portrayed Americans as a bunch of gun-happy lunatics in "Bowling for Columbine," he's now shooting at President Bush and the war in Iraq with "Fahrenheit 9/11," which opens Friday in the States.

Moore, famous for his maverick distaste at the 2003 Academy Awards ("We live in the time where we have fictitious election results that elect a fictitious president"), has higher ambitions. According to Philip Shenon of The New York Times, Moore wants his new movie "to be remembered as the first big-audience election-year film that helped unseat a president."

Miramax Films, which is releasing the movie, "has hired a team of hardened Democratic apparatchiks," writes the Guardian newspaper of Britain, "including Hillary Clinton's former campaign press secretary, Howard Wolfson, top Al Gore adviser Michael Feldman and Clinton White House advisers Mark Fabiani and Chris Lehane," to promote the film and defend it.

"We want the word out," Moore says. "Any attempts to label me will be met by force." Shenon notes that Moore makes this threat with "not an ounce of humor in his familiar voice." Mr. Tough Guy, balling up his fists. He dishes it out, but can he take it?

Now, let me stipulate that I have not seen this movie. I wasn't invited to the screenings, but I have read the advance articles, and I watched the trailer online.

The story line is no surprise. Moore's worldview is predictably Marxian and con-

spiratorial. Money and corporate power are behind everything. Republicans — especially that numbskull graduate of Yale and Harvard in the White House — are callous, corrupt and stupid. Secret gifts between the president and what Shenon describes as an American "financial adviser to a prominent member of the bin Laden family."

The adviser even served with Bush in the Air National Guard in the early 1970s! But don't expect Journalism. This is "not a network news report," another member of the Moore team, Dev Chaitlin, the former general counsel to the New Yorker magazine, says. This is opinion or, more precisely, old-school propaganda. What's the harm?

Plenty. The United States is engaged in a war with a dangerous enemy that killed 3,000 people in New York and would like to kill another 3 million — by taking out an entire city with a nuclear or biological device. The cheering crowds in Cannes may not believe it, but the threat to civilization posed by the terrorists is dead-serious.

By the time George W. Bush took office, terrorists had already taken several shots at us. Our pitiful response to these outrages encouraged the attack of 9/11.

Since then, the United States has liberated 50 million people in two countries, captured Saddam Hussein, disrupted the al-Qaida network and, contrary to the expectation of the vast majority of Americans, there has not been another terrorist attack on our soil.

Certainly, there have been mistakes. The sad truth, however, is that the left is so intellectually bereft at this point that the buffoonery of Moore is about all they've got. So they're promoting it like crazy.

Moore's movie draws its title from Ray Bradbury's classic 1953 novel "Fahrenheit 451" about a brutal, futuristic society in which books are banned and burned.

Bradbury is angry that Moore has expropriated his title and wants the movie renamed. But perhaps it's appropriate that the inspiration was a story about book-burning. The introspection, contemplation, subtlety, adult seriousness and cool reason that we associate with good books are the qualities that are ritually immodulated by Moore in his movies.

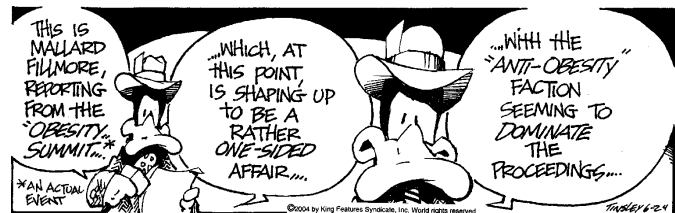
Moore, like his French confreres, has never had much respect for the intelligence of the American public. He seems to be betting that voters will be so dazzled that they'll forget about the war on terror and boot Bush.

But, really, will "Fahrenheit 9/11" defeat a president? Fat chance.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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## Marshmallow fine

**FL** MIAMI — A teacher's aide who forgot to put away her marshmallows and hot chocolate at Yellowstone National Park last year was taken from her cruise ship cabin in handcuffs and hauled before a judge, accused of failing to pay the year-old fine.

Hope Clarke, 32, crying and in leg shackles, told the judge she was rousted at 6:30 a.m. by federal agents after the ship returned to Miami from Mexico. She insisted that she had paid the \$50 fine before she left Yellowstone, which has strict rules about food storage to prevent wildlife from eating human food.

U.S. Magistrate Judge John O'Sullivan, who had a copy of a citation indicating the fine had been paid, apologized to Clarke, who spent nearly nine hours in detention, and demanded that the U.S. attorney's office determine what went wrong.

## Students to pay for prank

**MA** METHUEN — Ten students who broke into Methuen High School, released hundreds of crickets and scattered some dead fish can avoid criminal charges by apologizing, paying for the cleanup and working for the School Department.

Under an agreement approved by police, the students agreed to send letters to the principal, perform community service for the School Department and pay \$300 each.

If completed by Sept. 1, the complaints of trespassing and injury to a school will be dismissed, said First Assistant Court Magistrate Maria Teresa Abascal.

But, at a hearing in Lawrence District Court, Abascal warned that if any one of the 10 does not comply or gets in any further trouble, all 10 will be charged.

In addition to leaving the crickets and fish in the school on May 19, police said the vandals drew lewd images, broke a jar of mayonnaise, scattered desks, discharged a fire extinguisher and urinated on a sign.

They were suspended for 10 days and banned from graduation ceremonies and senior-class activities.

## Rescue copter suit

**VA** ROANOKE — The down-draft from a rescue helicopter forced a Lexington woman to the ground and broke her hip, according to a lawsuit filed on behalf of the woman's estate.

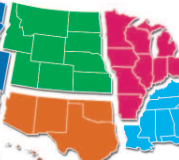
Ruby Graves, who died in 2003 at 84, was leaving Stonewall Jackson Hospital in July 2002 after an outpatient treatment when the helicopter passed overhead and its downdraft knocked her down, according to the lawsuit.

Graves' hip was broken in the fall, said Michael Cleary, the estate's attorney. The suit claims the injury was severe and permanent.

Cleary has named several defendants in the suit.

## Protecting woods

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — The city filed a condemnation lawsuit to protect 125 wooded



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

acres around the Rio Grande from being developed as an upscale subdivision. City negotiations to buy the land failed May 20. The developer said he'd sell for \$17.5 million, more than four times the city's offer.

## Why not to mail cash

**TX** AMARILLO — A West Texas postal worker has been sentenced to seven months in federal prison for stealing cash from greeting cards.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson sentenced Childress postal worker Mickey Wayne King in Amarillo's U.S. District Court on a charge of theft of mail matter by a postal employee.

King, who told inspectors he had been stealing mail for about two or three months, said he used the money to pay medical bills.

He admitted he stole about \$900.

## Judge couldn't connect

**OR** LA GRANDE — A prosecutor was briefly sent to jail along with the man he helped convict of manslaughter after the lawyer refused a judge's order to turn on his cell phone.

Union County District Attorney Martin Birnbaum was released after spending the evening in a La Grande cell about 40 feet away from the man he prosecuted.



## Great birthday gift

Emma Grady of Phoenix celebrates her 100th birthday by throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at the Arizona Diamondbacks-Tampa Bay Devil Rays game at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix. Grady's son, Jim Grady, is at right.

Judge Philip Mendiguren tried to reach Birnbaum with a jury question while the lawyer was on his lunch break, Undersheriff Dana Wright said. When Birnbaum returned to court, Mendiguren ordered him to keep his cell phone on. The prosecutor refused, and the judge cited him for contempt.

The prosecutor was to stay in jail through the weekend, but was able to return home just before midnight that Friday because of a state law that allows sheriffs to execute weekend releases early.

## Mayor's safety is costly

**DC** WASHINGTON — Police protecting Mayor Anthony A. Williams when he travels have charged more than \$320,000 in expenses on government-issued credit cards, including bills for a Hawaii beachfront hotel, a Las Vegas nightclub and a posh New York City restaurant, it was reported.

Tony Bullock, spokesman for the mayor, said Williams' travels had helped bring business, jobs and investment to the nation's capital and that out-of-town security for the mayor was necessary.

"I don't think anyone would begrudge the costs of keeping the mayor safe," he said. "You don't send a sitting mayor into a strange city without security. It's not safe."

## Out of the competition

**NY** COLONIE — A state trooper shot himself in the thigh and foot at a firing range in suburban Albany as he holstered his semiautomatic handgun, according to authorities.

Sgt. Jeffrey Carmichael, a training officer at the State Police Academy and 18-year veteran, was hurt during a shooting competition at the state's annual Police and Fire Games.

The weeklong event has more than 1,000 competitors from police and fire departments across the state.

State Police Lt. Glenn Miner said a routine investigation is being conducted, and a gun malfunction hasn't been ruled out.

Carmichael was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital with the bullet still lodged in his foot.

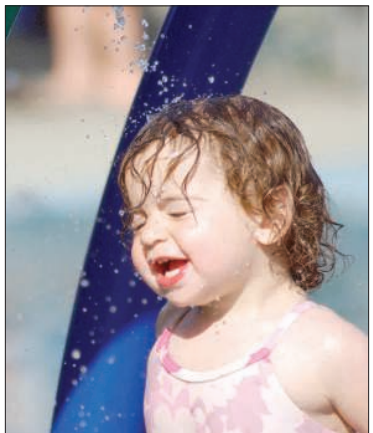
## Prison rap video

**GA** ATLANTA — A best-selling rapper filmed an unauthorized video at the Fulton County jail while out on work release from another jail, embarrassed county officials said.

Part of a video was shot for rapper Clifford Harris, whose stage name is T.I., authorities said.

Harris was serving jail time in neighboring Cobb County on a probation violation when he received permission to leave the jail to make the tape at the Fulton jail, Cobb County Chief Deputy Sheriff Lynda Coker said.

A spokesman for Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett said she had no idea a rap video was being filmed inside the 3,200-inmate jail. Dozens apparently allowed "four or five" men up to the seventh floor with a hand-held camcorder, Barrett said. Barrett said the deputies would be disciplined.



## A splash of fun

Sarah Gordon-Macey, 2, splashes under the water rainbow in the

Living Memorial Park water park in Brattleboro, Vt.



## And the race is on

Driver Peter Hersey of Duxbury, Mass., foreground, and Bill Secrest of South Shore, Ky., drive a 1934 Ford Indy Race car through a thunderstorm on Interstate 10, between Jacksonville, Fla., and Tallahassee, Fla., in the first stage of the 2004 Great Race, a transcontinental rally race that began in Jacksonville and will conclude in Monterey, Calif., on July 4.



## Jumping in to summer

From left, 10-year-olds Jacob Bagwell, Kimberly Aguilard, Kendra Hinnenkamp and Avery Chase, hustle for the finish at the blast from the Past Summer History Camp at the West Baton Rouge Museum in Port Allen, La. Campers enjoyed several activities on the last day of camp.





**Playing it cool** Tori Shapiro, 43, of Ocala, Fla., gives her horse Lacey a cooling rinse at the James B. Hunt Horse Complex at the North Carolina state fairgrounds in Raleigh. They are attending the North Carolina Quarterhorse Youth Association Show.



**Silver lining to every cloud** The El Paso County Courthouse reflects sun and blue sky as a dark rain cloud blows over El Paso, Texas.



**All in the family** Cousins, from left, Karlee Cahoon, 12, Mailei Jarman, 9, and Cassidy Jarman, 11, zoom across Echo Lake in Bigfork, Mont. The children were visiting the area for the weekend with 39 of their relatives to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of their grandparents. The family is scattered throughout the northwest but has been vacationing in Montana for more than 30 years.

## Maternity center needed

**VA** KILMARNOCK — A group of doctors and nurses wants a new birthing center to replace the region's only obstetrical unit, closed last year because of rising liability insurance. Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck, Inc., has until July 1 to file a certificate of public need with the state Department of Health for the proposed nonprofit facility.

## Compensation sought

**IA** IOWA CITY — Hundreds of former nuclear weapons plant workers sickened from radiation are petitioning the government for easier access to benefit programs. The petition is designed to circumvent stalled investigations in many of the 1,041 claims filed by former workers at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown.

The complex made, tested and disassembled nuclear weapons from 1948 to 1975.

## High-octane opening

**KY** HOPKINSVILLE — The Commonwealth Agri-Energy ethanol plant celebrated its grand opening. The farmer-owned company plans to convert more than 7 million bushels of corn into 20 million gallons of ethanol each year. The demand comes from cities where gasoline must be blended with oxygenate additives such as ethanol to curb emissions.

## Good uses for bat ties

**OH** ORRVILLE — Fat and skinny, striped or plaid — Trinity United Methodist Church actually wanted neckties for Father's Day.

"We have ties that should have never been sold, much less worn," said Sharon Kowaleski, whose husband, David, pastors the church 21 miles west of Canton.

More than 500 ties were collected and at least 400 were stitched together to make altar cloths for Father's Day.

Kowaleski and church member Diane Painting cut the ties and sewed them to quilt backing, a material strong enough to bear the weight of the ties without tearing. The cloths are reinforced with dowels.

"Once we got the idea of what we wanted to do, the hardest part was starting out the color scheme," Painting said.

## Zoo sets mood for gorilla

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — A gorilla sex video is getting regular play here. It's not the sort found easily on the Internet, but officials at the Audubon Zoo are hoping it'll inspire one of their gorillas into action.

Casey, 21, came to New Orleans two years ago on permanent loan from the Como Zoo in St. Paul, Minn.

The hope was that he would impregnate one or all of the Audubon Zoo's three female lowland gorillas — Binti and Fanya, both 28, and Binti's 8-year-old daughter, Praline.

Maloney got a tape of copulating gorillas from a camera used to monitor another zoo's gorilla area. It's played in the indoor cage where Casey spends his nights.

"He doesn't seem that interested

at this point, but he likes watching television so he does watch it," Maloney said.

"Hopefully, he'll get some inspiration."

## Jail: A family affair

**TN** McMINNVILLE — Lance E. Champion, 23, landed his entire family in jail.

He reportedly pulled in behind Deputy Lt. Stan Hillis across from the local jail and told Hillis he had violated the speed limit. By the end of their conversation, Champion was in custody charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and evading arrest.

Champion called his mother, Janice K. Champion, 48, who arrived with her 17-year-old son. The teen allegedly slapped the hand of a deputy who was gesturing for them to leave the area as Lance Champion's vehicle was about to be towed.

Janice Champion was then taken into custody, charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Officers say she was loud and refused to obey orders.

Her husband Hal Champion, 47, then arrived from church, was shot with a deputy's Taser and taken into custody on similar charges.

All were freed on bond. "This is a fine upstanding family," said the Champions' attorney Michael Golligan. "These deputies acted in a harmful and inappropriate manner. We feel their actions violated the law."

Sheriff Jackie Matheny is backing his men.

## Taxi drivers seeing red

**MA** BOSTON — Boston taxi drivers are angry over a city proposal that they accept flat-fee \$10 vouchers from delegates attending the Democratic National Convention. Drivers say the vouchers, combined with convention traffic and road closings, could mean they lose money going to and from Logan International Airport. Cab drivers and city officials were set to meet to discuss the proposal.

## Accident with elk deadly

**WA** NORTH BEND — The guest of honor at a family Father's Day party was killed along with his wife and two relatives when their car hit an elk.

A fifth relative was critically injured after Jesus P. Reyna swerved to avoid hitting one elk but hit another on Interstate 90 about 40 miles east of Seattle, Lt. Colleen McIntyre said.

"The elk basically took the whole front end of the car and the windshield out and incapacitated the driver," McIntyre said.

The car then tumbled over a 60-foot embankment and landed upside down on a road below the freeway.

Killed were Reyna, 26, his wife, Josefina Alvarez, described by relatives as in her early 20s; his uncle, Rafael S. Gonzalez, 42, and Gonzalez's son, Enrique Gonzalez-Reyna, 19, all of Malbon.

Leonardo Gonzalez-Reyna, 20, another son of Gonzalez, was thrown from the car and listed in serious condition.

Only Reyna and his wife were wearing seat belts, investigators said.

The elk was killed.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Horoscope

An aspect involving Saturn and Neptune brings clarity to an issue that has long been clouded. Being imaginative helps you in logical quests and in solving practical problems. Strive to bring with all sides of your brain — there is not one right answer. Also, when we stop being quick to judge, we can find support more easily.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(June 24).** The advancement you've been working toward and the recognition you deserve will be yours in the coming year. Though you'll be working hard through the next three months, do take time to enjoy — new financial opportunities will open up. Your efforts will bring the whole family closer in September. Love signs are Taurus and Scorpio. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 10, 45, 15 and 19.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You're organizing big blocks of mental energy, deciding your emotional priorities and hopefully declaring what you're willing to do to make a dream real. Figure out your finances tonight. Do you have enough to move yet?

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

The world sees you differently than it did yesterday — and after a bit of adjustment, you'll see yourself differently as well. Roll with your unusual luck. It could lead you down a path you wouldn't normally think to take.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You're embroiled in an interesting competition. This has actually been building up for weeks now under the radar, and you could suddenly realize your feisty feelings. Give yourself plenty of love and attention.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Blame is wrongly being passed around, and it's easy to buy into the group mentality. Separate yourself instead. You're not a lemming, and there's no reason to scurry off the cliff like the others. Stay out of gossip.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

When your project gets pushed to the wayside again, it's time to get serious about time management. Explore more possibilities. Ask yourself what you'd be doing if not for the current financial and time limitations.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll do what you love and feel that it matters — how could a day be better spent? The best mood is the one you cultivate alone, but for activities that can't be accomplished solo, dealing with a Cancer will be most satisfactory.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're even friendlier than usual, especially when you're not expected to be. You never understood those people who have a professional persona that is so far away from how they really are in their personal lives.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You're on a mission, and you'll tell everyone in your path what it is you want and how you'll make it happen. No one is an island. Depend on your friends. A strategic alliance will help you gain an edge.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Like the John Mayer song, you're bigger than your body gives you credit for. Get back in touch with your inner Statue of Liberty (or King Kong) because it's time to reclaim one of those oversized dreams of yours.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** New environments bring good fortune. You may find yourself starting to pick up the traditions, value systems and mannerisms of the new place. Shopping is lucky. You can make your home a masterpiece on a limited budget.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** If what you see is what you get, then it's time to look beyond the superficial and see the endless, unlimited potential in situations. A new character enters your life tonight, catching you in the act of striving. Team up with a Libra.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** It's an introspective morning. A mellow, low-key day will get you back in sync, so don't be hard on yourself if you don't rather stay in your room and read. But do read something with the potential to inspire you.

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## Calvin and Hobbes



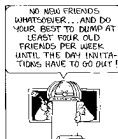
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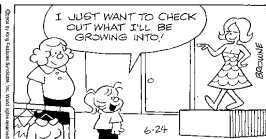
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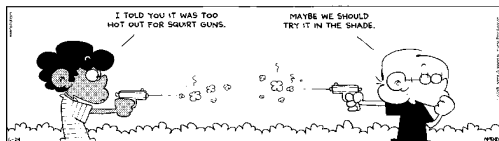
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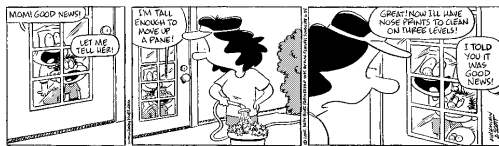
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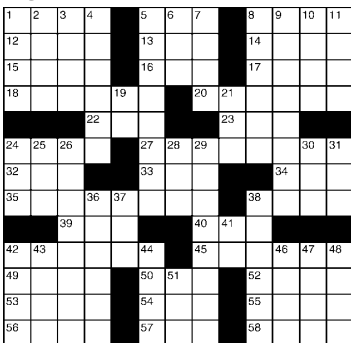
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHEN TWO PASTORS  
CHAT BY PHONE, I'D PROBABLY CONSIDER IT A  
PARSON-TO-PARSON CALL.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: N equals R

# Turning stressful talk around

**Dear Abby:** I had a problem similar to the one described by "Stressed Out by Mom," the college student whose mother came to unload her problems. A therapist taught me a technique that worked wonders. When Mom called and complained, instead of sympathizing (which is why she called in the first place), I'd mirror her complaint back to her so she didn't receive the positive feedback she was seeking.

When she said, "Your sister doesn't know how to save money," I'd reply, "So what you're saying is my sister doesn't know how to save money." However, when she said something positive, like, "Isn't it a lovely day?" I'd be sure to give her all kinds of positive feedback. "It sure is! I bet your marigolds are really blooming now!"

It worked like a charm and preserved my relationship with my mother. She quickly lost interest in the topics that didn't bring

positive feedback, and we'd end up talking about all kinds of interesting things.

— **Tried It**  
in Portland, Ore.

**Dear Abby:** Thank you for the suggestion. I was unprepared for the deluge of mail I received from readers who identified with "Stressed's" problem. Read on:

**Dear Abby**



**Dear Abby:** I'm a 57-year-old woman who has had the same problems with my now 76-year-old mother since childhood. Please tell "Stressed Out" that she must take immediate steps to set healthy boundaries. She should schedule an appointment at the student health center and talk to a psychologist.

I am the only family member still on speaking terms with Mother. Her eight siblings, the folks at the senior center and people from her former church no longer talk to her. I'm the only one she has

left to lash out at — and if I try to set boundaries now, the breach it will create will leave her with no support system at all.

— **Wish I'D Done It**  
in Fredericksburg, Va.

**Dear Abby:** Perhaps the suggestion offered by the next writer will be of help to you.

**Dear Abby:** I have a relative who is an alcoholic. He calls to ramble, complain and generally make me miserable.

I relieve my stress by playing computer games, reading a magazine or watching TV while he's talking. The trick is to otherwise engage your mind while uttering an occasional response. When he hangs up, I have no idea what he said, but he is happy and I'm not stressed.

— **Coping in Bloomington, Ind.**

**Dear Abby:** Not everyone has your level of tolerance.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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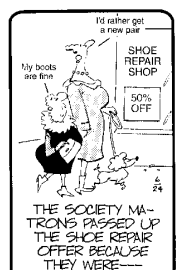
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**Ans:**

Yesterday's Jumbles: ARRAY GROOM BIGAMY UNLIKE

Answer: Why he quit his job on the offshore oil rig — IT WAS BORING

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

# Husband must boot the bottle

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I have been married for seven years.

Each year, we get into a huge fight about his drinking. "Steve" is not an alcoholic, but he can't hold his liquor. When Steve is sober, he's a great father, a wonderful husband and a hard worker. When he's intoxicated, he becomes critical, insulting and silly in front of his children. His friends are drinkers and drug addicts, and they're a bad influence on him.

My father was an alcoholic, and I don't want to end up like my mother. She always locked us in a room so no father wouldn't hurt us.

He was never physically abusive, but Mom always feared it was possible. I don't want to live that life again.

I have threatened to leave when Steve comes home drunk. Then he will stop for months, maybe as long as a year, but it starts all over again as soon as his friends ask him to come over. He always

**Annie's Mailbox**



promises he will quit drinking, but then he does it anyway. Should I leave him?

**Dear Annie:** Steve may not be a textbook alcoholic, but he definitely has a drinking problem. Unfortunately, ultimatums will not get him to stop. He must want to do this for himself.

Since there are children involved, please set your phone book for Al-Anon (al-anon-alateen.org). Steve also could use a new group of friends. The ones he has now aren't doing him any good whatsoever.

**Dear Annie:** Boy, you women sure stick together. I'm talking about the letter from "Extended Family in Massachusetts," who wanted to invite the ex-son-in-law out for dinner, but their daughter, "Jenny," objected. Sometimes Jenny wouldn't let them see the grandchildren if he didn't get her way. You told those parents to

stay friendly with the ex, but not to invite him for dinner, and that they should be more "sensitive" to Jenny's feelings.

To hell with Jenny's feelings. Why should the parents bow to her demands? Tell her to get a life and leave her parents alone. She shouldn't be asking for a divorce and then holding the children hostage until she gets her way. She'll end up alienating her children from herself, not from their father.

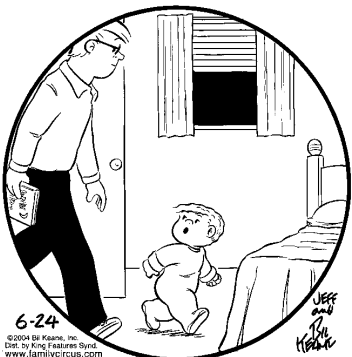
The parents should spend time with whomever they want. Jenny should learn that not everything revolves around her.

— **A Real Angry Man**  
in South Carolina

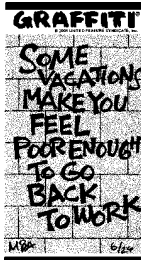
**Dear Angry Man:** A lot of readers were upset with Jenny. We were, too. However, given the choice of seeing their grandchildren or having dinner with the ex-son-in-law, we opted for the former.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime hosts of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net) or write to Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

## Family Circus



"I'll never forget what happened today ... or no, I think it was yesterday."



## Dennis the Menace



## The Far Side



## Non Sequitur



Young arts entertaining themselves with a grape









**THURSDAY EVENING / JUNE 24, 2004**

## MOVIES

• **SPORTS**

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	•ESPNNews Pacific Report Everybody Loves Raymond Amy's dinner guest.	Everybody Loves Raymond Amy's dinner guest.	Scrubs "My Clean Break" J.J. breaks up with Danni. (CC)	Extreme Makeover (CC)	ER "Shoelocks" Claustrophobic Nellys announces a poisoned needle into a hyperbaric chamber. (CC)	ER "Shoelocks" Claustrophobic Nellys announces a poisoned needle into a hyperbaric chamber. (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Show (CC)	
7	AFN-Alt	(5:30) Guiding Light (CC) General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)			Hercules (CC)	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Yu-Gi-Oh! "Double Trouble Duel"	Jackie Chan Adventures	
8	NEWS	60 Minutes It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)			Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)		
9	SPTS	6:00 College Baseball NCAA World Series Games 12 - Teams TBA One Tree Hill: Growth Into You! Haley convinces Lucas to go to a party at Nathan's beach house.	•SportsCenter The West Wing "Acid Rain" Sam packs up to head to California and answer his congressional campaign.		•MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)					•Beyond the Glory		
10	SORTS	6:00 "Love Fall" (1992, Drama) Michelle Pfeiffer, Dennis Haysbert, Stephanie Moore A Dallas woman makes a fateful journey to JFK's Lincoln. PG-13 (CC)				•Who Is Cletis Toussaint? (2002, Comedy) Christian Slater, Tim Allen, Portia de Rossi. An escaped convict is mistaken for a man the mob wants dead. R (CC)	•[35] ***Crimes and Misdemeanors*** (1989, Comedy-Drama) Martin Landau, John C. Reilly Two white-collar professionals lose crises in their lives. PG-13 (CC)					•"Wild Bill" (1963, Jail Break)
14	TMC	Clifford the Big Red Dog "Lose Your Tail" (Clifford) (Elle) (CC) (DVS) Dragon Tales "A Visit to Wonder World" (CC) (DVS)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)	•"Beverly Hills Ninja" (1997, Comedy) Christopher Penn, Robert Shriver, David Spade Rick O'Shea, an ungainly martial artist, follows a counterfeit trail. PG-13 (CC)	The New Thing This Hour In-stalling a standing seam copper roof. (CC)	Frontline "Son of al-Qaida" How Abdulaziz bin Laden built working for the CIA. (CC)	From Swatville to Jim Crow (CC)			Charlie Rose on Jon Meacham (N) (CC)		
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25	SHOW	(5:30) ***Star Trek: Nemesis*** (2002, Science Fiction) Scott Bakula, Jonathan Frakes, Michael Dorn The USS Enterprise faces its Romulan-engineered doom. PG-13 (CC)	•Star Trek: Nemesis (2002, Science Fiction) Scott Bakula, Jonathan Frakes, Michael Dorn The USS Enterprise faces its Romulan-engineered doom. PG-13 (CC)	•"Beverly Hills Ninja" (1997, Comedy) Christopher Penn, Robert Shriver, David Spade Rick O'Shea, an ungainly martial artist, follows a counterfeit trail. PG-13 (CC)	The New Thing This Hour In-stalling a standing seam copper roof. (CC)	Frontline "Son of al-Qaida" How Abdulaziz bin Laden built working for the CIA. (CC)	From Swatville to Jim Crow (CC)			Charlie Rose on Jon Meacham (N) (CC)		
27	A&E	City Confidential: Cruel Summer Kustanovich Restaurant-cruel summer is diagnosed to death (CC)	American Justice The Tom Capano Trial: Sentenced for murder to death (CC)	•Cold Case Files "Mormon's Rules; Cold Hit; Silent Kill" A woman is suspected of murdering her daughters. (CC)		The First 48 "Overlook; Left for Dead" Detectives search for a witness. (N)	The First 48 "Overlook; Left for Dead" Detectives search for a witness. (N)			Crossing Jordan "Born to Run" Jordan investigates a murder-suicide at a strip club. (CC)		
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
29	TF	(5:50) Maalaala Mo Kaya	Insider	Dong Puno Live	Kumusta Kayaban		(4:40) Masayang Tanghalay Bayan			(1:10) Trip Kita	(3:35) Sarah...Teen Princess	
30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	•World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
31	GOLF	•Capitol Open at Arenal Highlights Golf Normans.	Inside the PGA (CC)	What's in the Bag?	•Big Break	•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•European PGA Golf Open de France - First Round. From Paris. (Live)				
32	TLC	Trading Spouses Los Angeles, Murietta Aspinwall, Californians swap living rooms (CC)	In a Fish Tank's Head A wife is laid off because her spouse hasn't finished living room and kitchen work.	•The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	•The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	•The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)
34	TOON	Powerpuff Girls Dexter's Laboratory TV	Courage the Cowardly Dog	Justice League	Samurai Jack	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts	2 Shupig Dogs	I Am Weasel	What a Cartoon Show	Scoby-Doo, Where Are You!	
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin swims with sea snakes, the most venomous serpents of all (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	•The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	•The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)
36	COM	Late Night Show Comedy, Mama Gena (CC)	The Daily Show David Letterman (CC)	•The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	•The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)
40	NGC-A	Violent Earth Fatal FR insight into the world and the mind response to terror.	The Daily Show David Letterman (CC)	•The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	•The Planet's Funniest Animals (N) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)	Animal Icons "Garfield" (Series Premiere) (CC)
42	SPEKE	Horsepower TV (CC)	Horsepower TV (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Schizoid Man" (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Unnatural Selection" (CC)	MXC	MXC	MXC (N) "MXC" The Couples Show	MXC	MXC "Fashion vs. Religion"		
43	FOX	Fame (CC)	Blind Date Artists have to take nude photos. (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Schizoid Man" (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Unnatural Selection" (CC)	MXC	MXC	MXC (N) "MXC" The Couples Show	MXC	MXC "Fashion vs. Religion"		
44	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	BET.com Countdown	Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Schizoid Man" (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Unnatural Selection" (CC)	MXC	MXC	MXC (N) "MXC" The Couples Show	MXC	MXC "Fashion vs. Religion"		
46	COURT	NYPD Blue Sumo and Spowicz investigate the execution-style slayings of two cops.	Cops Two men alight a stolen truck for a store.	Cops Two men alight a stolen truck for a store.	Cops Two men alight a stolen truck for a store.	Cops Two men alight a stolen truck for a store.	Cops Two men alight a stolen truck for a store.	Cops Two men alight a stolen truck for a store.	Cops Two men alight a stolen truck for a store.	Cops Two men alight a stolen truck for a store.	Cops Two men alight a stolen truck for a store.	Cops Two men alight a stolen truck for a store.
48	STR-UL	Baywatch (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche plans a surprise wedding (CC)
51	ABC/FAM	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)	Full House Jesse considers becoming a father. (CC)
53	HIST	The Autobahn Germany's Autobahn is one of the safest roads in the world.	Modern Marvels Terminator, ants and go-karts have great destinies for millions of years.	Modern Marvels Terminator, ants and go-karts have great destinies for millions of years.	Modern Marvels Terminator, ants and go-karts have great destinies for millions of years.	Modern Marvels Terminator, ants and go-karts have great destinies for millions of years.	Modern Marvels Terminator, ants and go-karts have great destinies for millions of years.	Modern Marvels Terminator, ants and go-karts have great destinies for millions of years.	Modern Marvels Terminator, ants and go-karts have great destinies for millions of years.	Modern Marvels Terminator, ants and go-karts have great destinies for millions of years.	Modern Marvels Terminator, ants and go-karts have great destinies for millions of years.	Modern Marvels Terminator, ants and go-karts have great destinies for millions of years.
57	STR-W	(4:45) "Chop": Must protect a Navajo code word.	(4:45) ***Windtalkers*** (2002, Action) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code word.	(4:45) ***Windtalkers*** (2002, Action) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code word.	(4:45) ***Windtalkers*** (2002, Action) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code word.	(4:45) ***Windtalkers*** (2002, Action) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code word.	(4:45) ***Windtalkers*** (2002, Action) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code word.	(4:45) ***Windtalkers*** (2002, Action) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code word.	(4:45) ***Windtalkers*** (2002, Action) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code word.	(4:45) ***Windtalkers*** (2002, Action) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code word.	(4:45) ***Windtalkers*** (2002, Action) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code word.	(4:45) ***Windtalkers*** (2002, Action) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code word.
58	ADV 1	Total Adventure Take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.	In the Wake of Vikings Sea kayakers take on the vicious Arctic Annapurna.
59	MTV	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX	Pimp My Ride 1987 Honda CRX
60	NICK	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants	Juice "Juice" SpongeBob SquarePants

**JAPAN TV**

**Morning**  
6:45 Between the Lions (3)  
7:30 Disney (12)  
**Afternoon**  
1:30 U.S. Movie (1999): Simon Sez (2:00) (12)  
1:50 News (6)  
**Evening**  
6:15 Japan Pro Ball: Yakult Swallows vs. Yokohama BayStars (42)  
7:00 NHK News (1)  
7:00 Japan Pro Ball: Yomiuri Giants vs. Chunichi Dragons (4)  
9:00 U.S. Movie (1999): Sleepy Hollow (1:54) (12)  
10:10 News (1)  
10:15 Wimbledon Tennis 2004 (1)  
12:20 R.I. Series (4)  
1:35 Football CX (8)  
2:20 Kung Fu (4)

**JAPAN TV-BS7**

**Morning**  
6:00 Top News from Around the World  
6:30 Top News from Around the World  
7:00 Top News from Around the World  
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8:00 MLB: New York Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles  
11:00 Enjoy Life: Handcraft: Chest (r)  
**Afternoon**  
12:00 CNN News  
1:00 Enjoy Life: Children's Heart (r)  
1:30 ABC News  
2:00 PBS NewsHour  
3:00 CNN News  
4:00 CNN News Hour  
5:00 CNN News  
5:25 ABC News  
**Evening**  
6:00 Japan Pro Ball: Hanshin Tigers vs. Hiroshima Carp  
9:00 Japan Pro Ball: BIA (1)

10:00 MLB Highlights  
11:00 BS News  
11:30 Economic News  
2:15 Asian News  
3:30 World Amazing Sports  
3:50 PBS NewsHour  
4:40 Asian News  
5:00 Top News from Around the World

**JAPAN TV-BS1**

**Morning**  
8:05 World News Hour  
10:00 Classical Music: Jean-Guihen Queyras  
(cello)  
**Afternoon**  
2:30 U.S. Movie (1973): Cahill (1:45)  
**Evening**  
7:00 NHK News  
12:00 U.S. Movie (1997): Batman & Robin  
(2:06)

**WOWOW**

**Morning**  
6:15 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Holland vs. Latvia

**Afternoon**  
3:20 U.S. Movie (1995): Nick of Time (1:30)  
5:30 Oswald #33 (r)

**Evening**  
6:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: German vs. Czech  
8:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Holland vs. Latvia  
11:50 U.S. Movie (2001): Zoolander (1:30)  
1:20 Pro Boxing: Pro Boxing: Scott Harrison vs. Walter Estrada (r)  
3:30 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Quarterfinals (live)

## MT

**Morning**

7:00 Fashion Wednesday  
8:00 Top Choice  
10:00 Pure Music  
11:00 Top Choice  
**Afternoon**  
12:00 Live: Radiohead  
1:00 Track 2: Jay Kwan, Alicia  
1:30 Screen: Music Selection  
2:30 Pure Music  
3:00 Top Choice  
4:00 Pop Star  
5:00 Top Choice  
**Evening**  
6:00 News Thursday  
7:00 YATV  
8:00 NewWeds  
8:30 Top Choice  
9:00 Summer Sonic 2003 Express  
10:00 Pop's Best Episode  
11:30 Consensus: Crystal Kay  
11:00 Screen  
11:30 Pure Music  
12:00 The Super Dry Live 2004 Complete Ver-  
sion  
2:00 News Thursday



# 2003 Giveaway Winner

## Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas (CFC-O)

### GIVEAWAY WINNER

#### First Prize



IT2 (SW/AW) Jatauan Hammond

U.S. Navy Petty Officer Jatauan Hammond, from Naval Air Station, Keflavik, Iceland, drove away a winner in the 2003 CFC-O Giveaway, sponsored by Volvo Cars Military Sales.

Petty Officer Hammond was one of nearly 60,000 military and civilian employees who completed a pledge card and giveaway entry form for a chance to win the first prize, a 2004 Volvo S60 2.5 T sports sedan.

She learned of her good fortune through a telephone call from a CFC-O official. "Is this a joke? Today is April Fools," Hammond asked. When she learned it was no joke, "She screamed for joy," says Greg Sassman, CFC-O European Director.



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### First Prize

2004 Volvo S60 2.5 T Sports Sedan

IT2 (SW/AW) Jatauan Hammond

Naval Air Station, Keflavik, Iceland



On behalf of the charity or charities you supported through the CFC-O, we sincerely thank you.

We hope we can count on your continued support in 2004.



### Second Prize

2 Airline Tickets

SGT Lynda Boyce

501st Signal Company Area III,  
United States Forces Korea



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### Third Prize

\$1,000 Savings Bond

YNC John Hyde

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# SCOREBOARD

## AFN schedule

Times listed are Japan and Korea Standard time. Guam is one hour ahead; Seoul and Hong Kong are two hours ahead. Schedule subject to change without notice.

### Television

**THU, June 24 at 8 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis.  
**THU, June 24 at 11 a.m.** — Pro basketball: NBA special.  
**FRI, June 25 at 8 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Atlanta Braves vs. Florida.

### AFN sports

**THU, June 24 at 1 a.m.** — Pro tennis: Wimbledon, day 4.  
**THU, June 24 at 2 a.m.** — College baseball: 2004 World Series game 11, Texas vs. Oakland vs. Arizona.  
**THU, June 24 at 11 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Oakland vs. Arizona.  
**THU, June 24 at 4 p.m.** — College baseball: 2004 World Series game 12, California vs. South Carolina or Miami vs. Florida.  
**THU, June 24 at 8 p.m.** — Pro baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis.  
**THU, June 24 at 11 a.m.** — Pro tennis: Wimbledon, day 4.  
**FRI, June 25 at 2 a.m.** — Pro basketball: 2004 NBA Draft.  
**FRI, June 25 at 1 p.m.** — College baseball: 2004 World Series game 13, teams to be determined, if necessary.  
**FRI, June 25 at 4 p.m.** — College baseball: 2004 World Series game 14, teams to be determined, if necessary.  
**FRI, June 25 at 8 p.m.** — Pro baseball: Pittsburgh vs. Houston.

## Tennis

### Wimbledon

**Tuesday**  
**At The All England Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club**  
**Wimbledon, England**  
**Purse: \$17.6 million (Grand Slam)**  
**Surface: Grass**  
**Singles**

**Men's First Round**  
 Karol Kucera, Slovakia, Oscar Hernandez, Spain, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

Arjan Mayer, Germany, def. Wayne Arthurs, Australia, 7-6 (4), 7-5 (4), 7-6 (4).

Felix Auger-Aliassime, def. Ivan Naranjo Pastor, Spain, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Victor Pelegrin, Spain, def. Richard Bloomfield, Britain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Tim Lister, def. Marat Safin, Russia, 6-4, 7-5 (3), 7-6 (3).

Michael Chang, def. Michael Llodera, France, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (3).

Marcelo Rios, Argentina, def. Marc Lopez, Czech Republic, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Yen-Huei Taiwan, def. Jan Vacek, Czech Republic, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Andrej Panjavec, Slovenia, def. Ruben Clement, France, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).

Mark Philippoussis, def. Adrian Panu, Romania, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-2.

Flavia Pennetta, def. Ivana Ivanovic, Croatia, 6-2, 7-5 (3), 7-6 (3).

Patricia Križan, def. Olivier Patenčič, France, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

Israel Labadze, def. Kristof Vliegenhart, Belgium, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Mark Philippoussis, def. Kristof Vliegenhart, Belgium, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Christophe Rochus, Belgium, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Andre Agassi, def. Nicolas Pietrangeli, Brazil, 5-7, 6-1, 7-6 (3).

Novak Djokovic, def. Jiri Novak, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

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Alexander Peya, Austria, def. Jeff Salazar, France, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

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Serena Williams, (1) United States, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-3, 6-1.  
 Martina Hingis, (2) Czech Republic, def. Elena Dementieva, (1) Russia, 6-4, 6-4.  
 Maria Vento-Kabchi, (3) Venezuela, def. Martina Navratilova, (4) Slovakia, 6-1, 6-2.  
 Lina Kvitová, (5) Czech Republic, def. Flavia Pennetta, (6) Italy, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.  
 Francesca Schiavone, (7) Italy, def. Stephanie Cohen-Ali, (8) France, 6-1, 6-3.  
 J. J. Ochoa, (9) Britain, def. Lindsay Lee-Yves, (10) United States, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.  
 Emmanuelle Gagliardi, (11) Switzerland, def. Tara Snyder, (12) United States, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.  
 Elena Baltacha, (13) Russia, 6-4, 6-2.  
 Marlene Marro, (14) Spain, 6-1, 6-3.  
 Croatia, def. Elena Granville, (15) United States, 6-2, 6-4.  
 Katarina Kudackova, (16) Czech Republic, def. Jelena Jankovic, (17) Serbia-Montenegro, 3-6, 6-1.  
 Patty Schryder, (18) Switzerland, def. Araksyan, (19) Japan, 6-1.  
 Elena Likhovtseva, (20) Russia, def. Galia Leon, (21) Israel, 6-3, 6-2.  
 Virginia Ruzici, (22) France, def. Svetlana Kuznetsov, (23) Russia, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-4.  
 Nathalie Dechy, (24) France, def. Anabel Medina-Pigarré, (25) Spain, 6-3, 6-2.  
 Magui Serna, (26) Spain, def. Eleni Danilidou, (27) Greece, 6-3, 6-2.  
 Maria Sanchez-Lorenzo, (28) Spain, leads Katie O'Brien, (29) Britain, 4-4, 5-4, 0-15, susp., rain.

## Pro baseball

### WNBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
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 Detroit 10 4 5 100 0  
 Indiana 9 5 45 100 1  
 Chicago 8 6 40 100 2  
 New York 7 7 32 100 3  
 Washington 6 8 40 100 4

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
 W L Pct GB  
 Seattle 10 4 5 100 0  
 Los Angeles 9 5 45 100 1  
 Houston 8 6 40 100 2  
 Minnesota 7 7 32 100 3  
 Sacramento 6 8 40 100 4

**Saturday's games**  
 Detroit 10, Houston 58  
 Minnesota 66, Seattle 58  
 Seattle 74, San Antonio 61

**Sunday's games**  
 Connecticut 75, Washington 65  
 Los Angeles 74, Detroit 67

**Monday's games**  
 No games scheduled.

**Tuesday's games**  
 Los Angeles 74, Washington 67  
 Washington at Detroit  
 Houston at Phoenix  
 Seattle at Atlanta

## Soccer

### Major League Soccer

**Eastern Conference**  
 W L T Pts GF GA  
 Chicago 10 4 16 30 18 10  
 MetroStars 9 5 14 27 16 10  
 D.C. United 8 6 14 24 16 10  
 Columbus 7 7 12 21 14 14  
 New England 6 8 10 18 12 14

**Western Conference**  
 W L T Pts GF GA  
 Kansas City 10 4 16 30 18 10  
 Los Angeles 9 5 14 27 16 10  
 San Jose 8 6 14 24 16 10  
 Colorado 7 7 12 21 14 14  
 NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

**Saturday's games**  
 MetroStars 2, Los Angeles 1  
 D.C. United 3, Columbus 1  
 Kansas City 3, New England 1  
 Dallas 1, Colorado 1

**Sunday's games**  
 MetroStars at Los Angeles  
 D.C. United at Dallas  
 San Jose at Colorado  
 MetroStars at New England  
 Kansas City at San Jose

## Pro baseball

### NL All-Star voting

**At Minute Maid Park**  
**First Base**  
 1. Albert Pujols, St. Louis, 1,140,068.  
 2. Jeff Bagwell, Astros, 925,869.  
 3. Sean Casey, Reds, 541,516.

**Second Base**  
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**Third Base**  
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4. Jim Thome, Phillies, 404,032.  
 5. Derek Lee, Cubs, 344,357.  
**Second Base**  
 1. Jeff Kent, Astros, 1,340,101.  
 2. Marcus Giles, Braves, 1,140,068.  
 3. Luis Castillo, Marlins, 438,976.  
 4. Roberto Alomar, Astros, 418,976.  
 5. Mark Grudzielniak, Cubs, 288,373.  
**Third Base**  
 1. Scott Rolen, Cardinals, 1,310,385.  
 2. Edgar Renteria, Cardinals, 718,621.  
 3. Mike Lowell, Marlins, 464,076.  
 4. Morgan Burnett, Astros, 464,076.  
 5. Adrian Beltre, Rangers, 358,200.  
**Shortstop**  
 1. Adam Everett, Astros, 725,629.  
 2. Edgar Renteria, Cardinals, 718,621.  
 3. Barry Larkin, Reds, 464,076.  
 4. Roberto Alomar, Astros, 418,976.  
 5. Rafael Furcal, Braves, 368,203.  
**Catcher**  
 1. Mike Piazza, Mets, 1,188,898.  
 2. Jason Kendall, Cardinals, 718,621.  
 3. Paul Lo Duca, Dodgers, 464,076.  
 4. Michael Barrett, Cubs, 368,203.  
 5. Johnny Estrada, Braves, 351,310.  
**Outfield**  
 1. Barry Bonds, Giants, 1,502,397.  
 2. Ken Griffey Jr., Reds, 1,188,898.  
 3. Sammy Sosa, Cubs, 1,124,023.  
 4. Nomar Garciaparra, Astros, 418,976.  
 5. Craig Biggio, Astros, 788,530.  
 6. Moises Alou, Cubs, 687,700.  
 7. Richard Hidalgo, Mets, 551,077.  
 8. Jim Edwards, Cardinals, 464,076.  
 9. Miguel Cabrera, Marlins, 453,103.  
 10. Adam Dunn, Reds, 441,709.  
 11. Andrew Jones, Braves, 358,203.  
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# Charlotte ready for some draft Magic

## Bobcats will pounce on Howard or Okafor after Orlando picks

By JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bernie Bickerstaff spent five days last winter on the University of Connecticut's campus scouting Emeka Okafor. He loved what he saw.

The general manager and coach of the Charlotte Bobcats liked Okafor so much, he said he'd definitely take the forward with the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA Draft.

Trouble is, Bickerstaff and the Bobcats have the No. 2 overall selection and the Orlando Magic could snap Okafor up before the Bobcats pick. That would make high school phenom Dwight Howard a very attractive consolation prize.

"We're kind of afraid to fall in love with either one because that part is out of our hands," Bickerstaff said Tuesday.

So Bickerstaff, who traded the No. 4 overall pick to the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday so the Bobcats could move up two spots and have a chance at Okafor, is trying not to get his heart broken in Thursday night's NBA draft.

"You never really tell what's in your heart unless it's to the one you love," he said. "I have a preference for the immediate and a preference for the upside."

In other words, the Bobcats like Okafor for his maturity and the experience he gained from playing, and winning, in college. On an election team he's expected to be young, developing players, Okafor can be the immediate cornerstone.

"To be the first person chosen in a new franchise, and be there as they're building and be there from the start, it would be a unique situation," Okafor said. "I'd be happy to be a part of it."

But Charlotte also likes Howard and what the 6-foot-11 forward can develop into. Although he too can be the centerpiece of the franchise, his adjustment period might take longer than Okafor's, who helped Connecticut win the national championship last season.

The Bobcats spent Tuesday morning meeting with both players for the first time. Since Charlotte originally had the No. 4 pick, Okafor and Howard had declined to work out for the Bobcats before the trade.

Now that either could end up in an orange Bobcats uniform next season, the scramble to get to Charlotte began late Monday night.

Okafor arrived at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning and began a series of interviews with team officials.

"He was just as we knew," Bickerstaff said. "Just a high-character guy ... a great body. There's reservations about that part at all. He is as we remembered."



THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER/AP

Charlotte Bobcats vice president Ed Tapscott, left, and coach and general manager Bernie Bickerstaff hosted projected top picks Dwight Howard and Emeka Okafor for workouts on Tuesday.

Then it was time to meet with the 18-year-old Howard, who brought his father along for the interviews. After weeks of not even being able to get Howard on the phone, the Bobcats finally got a face-to-face meeting.

"What was important is that he comes in and we get a chance to sit down," Bickerstaff said. "We can sit down and eradicate any personality problems in terms of what they think about Charlotte."

Howard, who is from Atlanta, liked the idea of playing close to home.

"Charlotte is not far from my house in Georgia, so I feel like I am at home," he said. "I am in the South, which is very cool for me."

On Monday, Charlotte agreed to select Los Angeles center Predrag Drobnjak in Tuesday's expansion draft.

The Bobcats have to select at least 14 players Tuesday, but only one per team. Bickerstaff has said he expects as few as five appearing on the opening day roster.

"We're looking for young players who need an opportunity to play, to get minutes," he said. "Players who've got skills, athleticism, and talent, but need opportunity."

## Source: Cavs deal for Utah's Pavlovic

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Expecting to lose Jason Kapono in the expansion draft, the Cleveland Cavaliers reached a tentative deal to acquire forward Sasha Pavlovic from Utah, a league source told The Associated Press.

Kapono, the Cavaliers' best outside shooter last season, was to be selected Tuesday night by the Charlotte Bobcats, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Charlotte was also going to select Pavlovic, who was left unprotected by the Jazz, and send him to Cleveland for an unspecified future draft pick, the source said.

After being drafted with the No. 19 overall pick, the 6-foot-7 Pavlovic averaged 4.9 points in 79 games as a rookie last season.

He went 19-for-70 on three-pointers. The Cavs shot just 31 percent on three-pointers last season.

## Bryant pre-trial hearings complete

By JON SARCHIE  
The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — Attorneys wrapped up closed-door arguments Tuesday over the sex life of the woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape can be introduced at the NBA star's trial.

More written arguments are due next week. That means Judge Terry Ruckriegle will not make his decision until next month.

Bryant left Colorado after a two-day hearing without learning his trial date. But attorneys said they could be ready for trial by late August.

State court spokeswoman Karen Salaz said 1,000 summonses will be sent to prospective jurors — four times the usual number.

The high number is needed because of the publicity the case has drawn and because of the transient nature of the Eagle County population, home to Vail and other ski resorts. The judge said it is typical for one-third to one-half of those summoned for jury duty here not to respond.

"It all boils down to the intense publicity," said Howard Varinsky, a jury consultant based in Oakland, Calif. "It's nearly impossible to find people who haven't heard of the case."

He said prospective jurors will be questioned to determine whether they have formed an opinion on Bryant's guilt or innocence.

Bryant, 25, has pleaded not guilty, saying he had consensual sex with the woman at a Vail-area resort last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine of up to \$750,000.

Bryant's attorneys want to introduce evidence they say will show the woman had multiple sexual partners during the week of her encounter with Bryant.

They have suggested that the woman had a scheme to attract attention from an ex-boyfriend, and that her injuries could have been caused by sex with someone other than Bryant.

Prosecutors say the woman's sex life is irrelevant in determining whether she was raped.

## Trade: Rockets aiming to get McGrady-Francis deal off ground

TRADE, FROM BACK PAGE

Lakers General Manager Mitch Kupchak said he expects to hear from O'Neal's representatives in the coming days to gauge whether O'Neal was sincere in his comments last week demanding a trade.

"Me and the Big Bella are trying to get to Dallas together now," McGrady told ESPN Today.

"I do expect to meet with or speak to Shaquille's representatives in timely fashion. We've had three or four days now for everybody to wind down now, calm

down a little bit. I'll get a better feel of where we stand at that time," Kupchak said. "I'm eager to hear what they have to say, and we'll take it from there."

If the Lakers are serious about trading O'Neal, the Mavericks could be an ideal trading partner.

Dallas owner Mark Cuban said he had not spoken to the Lakers yet.

"Will we? Most likely," he said. "But, you know, we also have to ascertain what's real and what's not real."

Dallas has one of the league's

most talent-laden rosters, including several players whose combined salaries would be within the league-mandated 15 percent of O'Neal's \$27 million salary for next season.

The hangup would be deciding the players involved. The Lakers would start by asking for Dirk Nowitzki. The Mavericks would be more willing to package Antonio Walker, Antawn Jamison or Michael Finley.

"I'd be hard-pressed to see us trading Dirk," Cuban said. "Dirk is as close to an untouchable as we'd get."

Still, the Rockets were said to be the leading candidate to acquire McGrady. A trade to Houston would team McGrady with Yao Ming, giving the Rockets an inside-outside nucleus few Western Conference teams could match.

Because of league salary cap rules relating to Francis' salary, such a deal could not be finalized until mid-July.

But Francis said he wants to stay in Houston.

"I thought we were really building something, something very good in Houston," said Francis,

who has averaged 19.3 points, 6.4 assists and 6 rebounds in five seasons with the Rockets.

"Obviously, that's not the direction they want to go. I still think we could be a very good team. I'm not crying like I told you before, I know this is a business. Things like that happen. I'm not mad, I'm not upset. This is what we're trying to do. But like I said, I still think we could be something."

Francis told Houston television station KTRV that he talked with O'Neal on Monday and wants him as a teammate if he goes to Orlando.

# S. Williams opens with straight-sets win

BY STEPHEN WILSON  
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Serena Williams opened her bid for a third straight Wimbledon title Tuesday with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over a Chinese player making her first appearance at the All England Club.

The top-seeded Williams wasn't her dominating self in a tougher-than-expected opening against 52nd-ranked Zheng Jie, who showed no signs of being overawed against the two-time defending champion on Centre Court.

Elsewhere, Marat Safin and Elena Dementieva were upset in the first round and Tim Henman survived a big scare against a grass-court novice.

"The most special thing is coming back as champ," Williams said. "Win, lose or draw it's a great feeling to be defending champion at Wimbledon. I don't get that feeling at any other Grand Slam."

The score was deceptive. The 20-year-old Zheng, with an especially strong backhand, stayed close in most games and pushed Williams for much of the 66-minute match.

But Zheng couldn't break Williams' serve, going 0-10 on break points. Williams also took advantage of Zheng's weak serve, teasing off on her second deliveries.

Williams cursed and blew kisses to the crowd afterward. But it wasn't a vintage display from Williams, who committed 24 unforced errors to go with six aces and 29 winners.

Serena hasn't won a Grand Slam title since beating sister Venus in last year's Wimbledon final, and had an eight-month layoff after knee surgery last August. She is bidding to become the first player to win Wimbledon three straight times since Stef Graf in 1991-93.

The tournament was disrupted by rain for a second straight day. Play was called off at 7 p.m. with 14 matches still in progress.

Among the players left hanging for another day was second-seeded Andy Rod-

dick, who led 4-2 against Taiwan's Wang Yeu-Tzuou on Centre Court when the rain came.

In an early upset, sixth-seeded Dementieva of Russia — a finalist at the French Open — was bounced 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 by Sandra Klejnova of the Czech Republic. Dementieva, who had 67 double faults during the French Open, served her 11th double fault on match point.

Another Russian, No. 8 Svetlana Kuznetsova, was eliminated by France's Virginie Razzano, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4. No. 17 Chanda Rubin was ousted by Marion Bartoli, 7-6 (5), 6-3.



There was also an early surprise on the men's side, with 19th-seeded Safin beaten by fellow Russian Dmitry Tursunov, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (1). Safin was a quarterfinalist here in 2001, but Wimbledon remains his least successful Grand Slam event.

"I don't like to play on this surface," said Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion. "It's like a nightmare for me. After a while I just get bored. I lost motivation and I give up."

Watching Safin's match was former Russian president Boris Yeltsin, an avid tennis fan and player.

The annual British rite of "Henmania" got off to a rocky start as Henman — seeking again to become the first homegrown player to win the men's title since Fred Perry in 1936 — struggled to overcome 89th-ranked Spaniard Ruben Ramirez-Hidalgo.

Henman, who has lost in the semifinals four times in six years, dropped the first set and faced two set points in the second before rallying to win 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-2. He served his 13th ace on match point. It ended a shaky performance by Henman, who had 10 double faults.

First-round winners included No. 9 Carlos Moya, No. 14 Marjory Fish and No. 18 Federico Lopez. Wayne Ferreira, a 32-year-old South African, beat No. 28 Ivan Ljubicic in four sets to mark his record 55th Grand Slam tournament appearance. The previous record of 54 was held by Stefan Edberg.



Defending champion Serena Williams returns to Jie Zheng during their first-round match on Centre Court at Wimbledon on Tuesday. Williams won the match 6-3, 6-1.

## Report: USADA alleges Montgomery used 5 banned steroids

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency alleges that world-record holder Tim Montgomery used five banned steroids and human growth hormone, the Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday.

According to documents obtained by the newspaper, USADA accuses Montgomery of using banned substances as far back as 2000, two years before setting the world record. In addition to the steroids and growth hormone, the agency says Montgomery used the blood-booster EPO and insulin.

In notifying Montgomery of alleged doping violations that might keep him off the U.S. Olympic team this summer, USADA also says it "anticipates testimony" — it doesn't say from whom — regarding Montgomery's "admitted use of the 'clear,'" which was later determined to be the designer steroid THG.

Other evidence against Montgomery allegedly includes urine and blood test results that USADA says are consistent with

the use of banned substances; calendars sketching out cycles of substance use; handwritten notes that make reference to various steroids; and laboratory payments, invoices and correspondence, the Times reported Tuesday.

The accusations are contained in a letter that USADA sent to Montgomery on June 7.

Montgomery responded to the letter last Friday, and a USADA review panel now will recommend whether to pursue charges against him.

Montgomery, the boyfriend of track superstar Marion Jones, has never failed a doping test administered by track or Olympic authorities.

His attorney, Cristina Arguedas, said last week that there is no evidence Montgomery has ever admitted using banned substances and she said he has done nothing wrong.

Arguedas also said that "virtually all" of the allegations against Montgomery come from the files of Victor Conte, founder of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Arguedas did not immediately respond to a telephone call from The Associated Press on Tuesday.

### Payton staying with Lakers

LOS ANGELES — Gary Payton will remain with the Los Angeles Lakers next season, exercising a

\$5.4 million option.

Payton joined the Lakers last summer, taking a huge pay cut in hopes of winning the first championship of his career. But the Lak-

ers were beaten in five games by the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals, and Payton struggled — shooting 9-for-28 and averaging 4.2 points.

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# Fullerton's Romero deals blow to Miami

BY TED HUTTON

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

OMAHA, Neb. — In its run to the College World Series, Miami relied on starting pitching and defense to stay in games until it could find a way to win.

On Monday, the pitching faltered and defense crumbled in the biggest game of the year. The Hurricanes never found a way to dig out of a deep hole as they lost 6-3 to Cal State Fullerton.

The defeat

dumped Miami

into Tuesday

night's loser's

bracket game

against South

Carolina. The

Hurricanes will

now have to win

three games in

three days to

make it to the

championship

series.

Miami's infield committed four

errors Monday that handed the

Titans two unearned runs.

"Defense really killed us,"

Miami coach Jim Morris said.

While Miami's defense was

fumbling around in front of

24,847 at Rosenblatt Stadium,

Hurricane hitters could not put

anything together against Fullerton's

Ricky Romero, a

hard-throwing, left-handed sopho-

more making his first CWS start.

Romero (13-4) pitched a com-

plete game, the Titans' second in

the Series, while giving up nine

hits, striking out seven and walk-

ing two.

"We knew we couldn't make

mistakes and beat them. We shot

ourselves in the foot," Morris

said.

While Romero was on (9-5), Miami starter J.D. Cockcroft (9-5) gave up nine hits and five runs, three earned, and didn't make it out of the fourth inning.

It was the first time a Miami starter hadn't made it through five innings since April 18, a span of 26 games.

"They really capitalized on those errors," Cockcroft said. Miami (50-12) committed two

errors in Satur-

day's first

game against

LSU, but over-

came those mis-

takes with its

bats, hitting two

home runs in the

9-5 win.

On Monday, the

top four hitters had two hits

in 16 at-bats, and Jim Burt, Mi-

ami's leading hitter, was 2-for-4.

"[Romero] kept the ball low

and we were swinging at bad

pitches," said Brian Barton, who

had three hits.

The game turned in the second,

when Fullerton opened with two

singles, and a sacrifice put run-

ners at second and third with one

out.

The Titans' Neil Walton hit a

ground ball to third that bounced

out of Gaby Sanchez's glove.

Shortstop Roger Tomas fielded

the rebound as a run scored, but

then lost control on a fake throw

to second, allowing a runner to go

to third.

Left fielder Jon Jay then mis-

judged a fly ball and slipped try-



Cal State Fullerton's P.J. Pliettore, center, picks up starting pitcher Ricky Romero, with catcher Kurt Suzuki (3) joining in after Cal State Fullerton beat Miami 6-3 Monday in the College World Series.

ing to change directions. The ball dropped in front of him and another run scored.

Miami still wasn't done giving the Titans runs.

Fullerton's Ronnie Prettymann stole second and was able to score when Hurricanes second baseman Adam Rickis booted a ground ball and turned to watch it trickle into center field.

A shaken Hurricane team headed to the dugout after allowing the Titans two hits and three Miami errors to take a 3-0 lead.

It was Rickis' first error in 17 games and fifth of the season, and first for Tomas in 22 games and sixth of the season.

For Sanchez, it was his team-leading 23rd of the season, second in the Series, and he

wasn't finished.

The Titans added another unearned run in the third after Sanchez made his second error and third in the two games Miami has played in the Series.

After falling behind 5-1, Miami finally strung together some hits in the top of the seventh.

Sanchez led off with a single and was driven in by Richard Giannotti's triple.

Giannotti came home on a single by Tomas. Jay then singled, and a sacrifice had Tomas on third and Jay at second with one out with the heart of the order up.

But Romero pitched out of the jam, getting Braun to fly to short center and Burt to ground out to third, ending Miami's best and final chance to salvage a win.

# Arizona ousted by Georgia

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Michael Hyle pitched six shutout innings, and Marshall Szabo had three hits — including a triple and double — as Georgia eliminated Arizona from the College World Series with a 3-1 victory Tuesday.

The Bulldogs (45-22) advanced to the Bracket One final against Texas. Georgia must beat the Longhorns on Wednesday and Thursday to reach the best-of-three championship series this weekend.

Arizona (36-27) went 1-2 in its first CWS appearance since 1986, losing twice to Georgia.

Hyle (8-2) scattered six hits, walked two and struck out five before leaving in the seventh inning. Will Startup earned his 12th save of the season and second of the CWS.

Kevin Guyette (6-8) gave up two runs and seven hits in 6 1/2 innings.

Georgia scored twice in the third when Szabo drove in a run and then came home on Joey Side's single. The Bulldogs added an insurance run in the eighth when Szabo tripled and then scored on Bobby Felmy's two-out single.

The Wildcats broke through in the seventh against Startup. He bounced back to retire the final five batters, striking out three.

# Family struggles to cope year after Dennehy's murder

BY ANGELA K. BROWN

The Associated Press

The shooting death of Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy a year ago has taken a toll on some of those closest to him.

Dennehy's mother and stepfather have filed for divorce after more than 15 years of marriage. Their problems seemed to escalate after Dennehy's death, said his stepfather, Brian Brabazon. Both continue to grieve for the 6-foot-10 player who dreamed of playing professional basketball.

"It's sadness now. The anger for me has

subsided," Brabazon said. "I think about it every day. All I want is the truth to come out, why it happened and what happened."

Dennehy's former teammate, Carlton Dotson, is awaiting an August murder trial, where he faces life in prison if convicted of gunning down his friend in a field of chest-high weeds near the Waco campus.

The Baylor men's basketball program has acknowledged major NCAA infractions and faces self-imposed sanctions, stemming from misdeeds by the coach who has since stepped down. Baylor also plans to implement new recruiting policies, including criminal background checks for student-athlete transfers.

Baylor's president, Robert Sloan, said Monday that the past year was one of the most tragic and difficult for the world's largest Baptist university.

"It's very painful to experience the loss of a student in any circumstance, but especially circumstances like these," Sloan said. "What's important is to take whatever happened and learn from it."

Brian Brabazon knew something was wrong last Father's Day when Dennehy, 21, didn't call their Carson City, Nev., home. The couple's concern grew after they found out his friends and a coach hadn't heard from him in about a week.

The Brabazons reported Dennehy missing June 19, 2003 — seven days after authorities believe he was killed. His car was found June 25 in a Virginia Beach, Va., parking lot about 160 miles from Dotson's home in Hurlock, Md.

Dennehy's body was not found until late July, a few days after Dotson was arrested. Authorities have refused to discuss a motive or say whether Dotson led them to the body.

Dotson, now 22, remains jailed and is to be evaluated by a defense psychiatrist. His attorneys said they have not decided whether to seek an insanity defense.



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# High-risk sneezing, sleeping in season of bizarre injuries

BY KEVIN BAXTER

The Miami Herald

Even by baseball's usual common standard, this has been a great season for injuries.

How can you not get excited about a season in which a future Hall of Famer lands on the disabled list with injuries suffered in a sneezing incident? Or in which three players are hurt in sleeping accidents?

## Analysis

And what about Atlanta outfielder J.D. Drew, who missed three games after straining his neck while swimming in a friend's pond? And those are just the stories we believe. San Diego Padres pitcher David Wells, whose colorful personal life is the stuff of legend, tried out a number of explanations for the severed tendon in his right wrist and the cut on his left palm before deciding on this one: He tripped over a bar stool while playfully chasing a buddy who had tapped him on the back, falling on a glass and bottle he was carrying.

Uh, sure, David. Anything you say.

But then again, maybe it is true. After all, it's not the only strange injury Padres trainers have treated this year. Ryan Klesko missed more than a week with a back strain sustained when he stood for the national anthem, and pitcher Akinori Otsuka was hurt when he was hit in the face by a ball thrown in by a fan requesting an autograph. Otsuka said he missed the bat when he became distracted by a piece of paper thrown at him by another autograph seeker, proving this same advice from manager Bruce

Bochy: "Aki, next time, catch the bat and let the paper hit you."

(Vince Naimoli, managing general partner of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, also was struck by a flying bat this season, though neither he nor his guest, Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army's chief of staff, were hurt. And they say Iraq is dangerous.)

Then there's the Baltimore Orioles' Larry Bigbie, who missed a start this year after stubbing his toe in his hotel room — although as stupid toe injuries go, that was mild. When Mark Grace played for the Arizona Diamondbacks, he broke his toe crossing the clubhouse to congratulate teammate Damian Miller on making the All-Star team. And St. Louis Cardinals minor-leaguer Mike Cradole broke his toe answering the phone last spring.

The spread of injuries is no laughing matter for the players, even involved, of course, nor for the fans. Major League Baseball's medical adviser, who was recently quoted by a New York newspaper about the increased number of players on the disabled list. Through the first third of the season, debilitating injuries are up nearly 25 percent from last year, and some inside baseball are wondering if the sport's new drug-testing policy is to blame.

Players who freely used performance-enhancing drugs in the past have quit cold turkey, one theory goes, leaving them brittle and susceptible to injury. Medical experts, however, have been quick to dismiss that suggestion. "It would be hard for the top to come up with a cause-and-effect explanation for that related to steroids," NYU medical professor Gary Wadler, a board member of the World Anti-Doping Agency, told T.J. Quinn of The New York Daily News. "I'm not sure that has legs."

Which means there really is no explanation for why the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa, who is strong enough to hit 549 career home runs, could miss a month after hurting his back sneezing. But at least he was awake when he got hurt. In spring training, Oakland pitcher Rich Harden strained his shoulder turning off his alarm clock, and the Marlins' Bryce Florie crashed into sliding doors while sleeping.

Later Tampa Bay's Rocco Baldelli was unable to play in the first game of a regular-season game after he fell asleep propped up in front of the television.

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## Major League Baseball scoreboard

### American League

East Division		W	L	Pct	GB
New York	Yankees	29	29	.500	0.0
Boston	Red Sox	29	29	.500	0.0
Tampa Bay	Rays	29	29	.500	0.0
Toronto	Blue Jays	29	29	.500	0.0
Minnesota	Twins	29	29	.500	0.0
Chicago	White Sox	29	29	.500	0.0
Cleveland	Indians	29	29	.500	0.0
Detroit	Tigers	29	29	.500	0.0
West Division					
Texas	Rangers	29	29	.500	0.0
Oakland	A's	29	29	.500	0.0
Seattle	Mariners	29	29	.500	0.0

### Monday's games

Cleveland's Chicago White Sox	5-4
Anaheim's Los Angeles Angels	5-4
Tampa Bay at Toronto	1-0
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore	1-0
Seattle at Tampa	1-0
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox	1-0
Oakland at Anaheim	1-0

### Tuesday's games

Minnesota (5-7) at Oakland (Love 6-5)	1-0
Tampa Bay (Franklin 4-1) at Texas (Bierbrodt 0-1)	1-0
Cleveland (Lee 6-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 7-1)	1-0
Los Angeles (Kane 6-1) at Kansas City (Mauer 4-8)	1-0
San Diego (Redman 5-4) at Anaheim (Escobar 4-3)	1-0

### Wednesday's games

Minnesota (Silva 7-4) at Oakland (Love 6-5)	1-0
N.Y. Yankees (Lincecum 4-1) at Baltimore (Bridard 1-2)	1-0
Tampa Bay (Franklin 4-1) at Texas (Bierbrodt 0-1)	1-0
Cleveland (Lee 6-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 7-1)	1-0
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### Thursday's games

Tampa Bay at Toronto	1-0
Minnesota at Boston	1-0
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox	1-0
Los Angeles at Kansas City	1-0
Detroit at Kansas City	1-0
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore	1-0

### Friday's games

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Crisp cf	5 1 1 0	TPerez rf	3 0 0 0
Lawton lf	4 0 2 0	Olivo c	1 0 0 0
VMrtnz c	4 2 4 1	Thomas dh	3 0 0 0
Blake 3b	3 1 1 2	CaLee lf	3 0 0 0
Hafner dh	3 0 1 0	Knerke 1b	4 0 0 0

# Ransom's delivery pays off for Giants



Dustan Mohr, right, celebrates as he scores the Giants' winning run on Cody Ransom's single in the ninth inning while Dodgers catcher Paul Lo Duca can only watch.

## Newcomer to rivalry with Dodgers singles home winning run in ninth

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — One-run games are becoming the norm when the Giants meet the Dodgers.

Cody Ransom, a newcomer to the rivalry — he was called up earlier this month after dominating Triple-A pitchers with timely hits — came through with the biggest hit of his career Monday night. He singled up the middle with two outs in the ninth, lifting San Francisco to a 3-2 win over Los Angeles.

"It was a lot of fun," Ransom said. "It's great to get a hit and help the team out. I was just going up to the plate trying to get a pitch to hit."

After Dustan Mohr's two-out single, pinch-hitter Damon Minor fell behind 0-2 to Guillermo Mota (3-2) before walking. Ray Durham also walked and Ransom got his fifth RBI of the season.

Ransom, on the Opening Day roster before going to Fresno on April 23, batted .309 (42-for-136) with 10 home runs and 21 RBIs in 36 games at Triple-A.

"My confidence is definitely a little bit higher. I'm just getting a chance to play," the 28-year-old Ransom said.

The Giants, who have won 12 of their past 13 at home, gained ground in the NL West race. San Francisco moved within a half-game of first-place Los Angeles by winning the opener of this four-game series that both clubs consider extremely important.

Matt Cerrito (4-2) pitched 1 1/3 innings for the win, but blew his fifth save in the top of the ninth when Jayson Werth singled to left to score pinch-runner Dave Roberts to tie it. That spoiled what would've been the first time Giants starter Kirk Rueter won back-to-back starts this season.

"It's June, but it is good," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "A half-game is better than 2 1/2 any time of the year."

The Dodgers won five of six meetings against the Giants in April, including a three-game sweep in San Francisco — all one-run games.

"This is the way I expect these games to



be all the time," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "We're always playing them in close games, so there's no reason to expect anything

different...."

"It's not like Mota to have control problems. If we'd gotten out of that inning, we'd have been in good shape, because Herges was out of the game, but it didn't happen."

Rueter allowed one run on seven hits in 6 1/2 innings, struck out one and walked three.

Odalis Perez avoided losing for the first time since May 21 at Atlanta. The lefty, who had won his last two decisions, gave up two runs on seven hits in 7 1/3 innings. He struck out three and walked two.

Perez scored on Milton Bradley's RBI single in the fifth to give Los Angeles a 1-0 lead, but the Giants answered in the bottom half.

Barry Bonds hit a leadoff double and tied the game on Edgardo Alfonzo's single.

**Padres 3, Diamondbacks 1:** Trevor Hoffman earned his 36th save to take sole possession of fourth place on the career list for the Padres, who won for just the fourth time in 13 games.

Hoffman, who was tied with Jeff Rardon, threw a perfect bottom of the ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances. Phil Nevin homered and Ismael Valdez (6-5) allowed one run and seven hits in seven innings.

Matt Bush, the Padres' top pick in the draft two weeks ago, was suspended indefinitely by the team a day after he was arrested at a bar in Peoria, Ariz., for investigation of trespass, disorderly conduct and assault.

**Astros 7, Pirates 5:** At Houston, Lance Berkman hit a tying three-run double and Jeff Kent drove in the go-ahead run in a five-inning fifth inning for the Astros, who came back from a 4-0 deficit to win their second in a row.

Kent had to leave after the seventh inning after jamming his right knee while sliding into third base in the fifth.

## A's still on short end against Angels

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics weren't able to compete with the Anaheim Angels in the free agent market last winter. They haven't done much better against them on the field, either.

The Angels have won five of seven meetings against their AL West rivals, including a 10-3 romp Monday night that kicked off a four-game series.

Vladimir Guerrero, who signed a five-year, \$70 million contract in January, went 4-for-5 with a homer and four RBIs to raise his total to 62 and tie the Boston's David Ortiz for the league lead.

"You always want to play well against teams in your own division," pitcher John Lackey said following his second victory in his past eight starts. "The way we've been playing lately, it's just nice to get a win against anybody."

The Angels — beginning a 10-game stretch in which they will play Oakland seven times — had won just four of their previ-



ous 15 games after holding a 4-2 game lead over Oakland on June 3. The A's sixth loss in their past seven games overall dropped them into a first-place tie in the AL West with the idle Texas Rangers, a full game ahead of Anaheim.

"We're still in a real good position and we haven't played our best baseball yet," Oakland left fielder Eric Byrnes said. "It seems like it's either the pitching that's picking us up one night and the offense another night."

"We've had kind of flashes of brilliance, but once we get things going and put everything together, I think we have as good a chance as anybody to win the division."

Guerrero's bat helped awaken a sluggish offense that was 1-for-11 with runners in scoring position in Sunday's 3-1 loss at Houston.

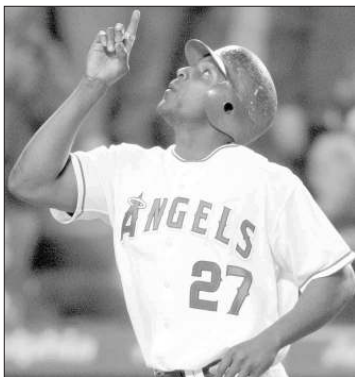
He drove in David Eckstein with a hard ground single off the glove of second baseman Marco Scutaro in the fifth and scored on Garret Anderson's double for a 4-2 lead.

Guerrero hit a 1-0 pitch from Justin Duchesneer to center field in the seventh for his 17th homer. In the eighth, he greeted submarine-throwing Chad Bradford with a bases-loaded two-run double inside the left-field line.

"He's a superstar, and you've got to expect those things out of people like that," Lackey said. "He's such a great teammate because he doesn't act like a superstar. He works as hard as anybody."

**Indians 5, White Sox 1:** C.C. Sabathia allowed one run in eight impressive innings, and Ronnie Belliard and Casey Blake homered in the first inning for visiting Cleveland.

Victor Martinez had a career-high four hits for the Indians, who moved within two games of the White Sox for second place in the AL Central.



Anaheim Angels' Vladimir Guerrero celebrates his solo homer against the Oakland Athletics during the seventh inning at Angel Stadium.

## SPORTS



Cal State Fullerton snaps  
Miami's 13-game win streak;  
Arizona eliminated, Page 29

# Magic, Rockets talk blockbuster

## Scoring champ McGrady would head to Houston for fellow All-Star Francis

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN  
The Associated Press

A new dynamic duo in the West, Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming, is a distinct possibility.

Executives from several NBA teams said Orlando and Houston were close to a deal sending McGrady, 25, the two-time NBA scoring champion, to the Rockets for a package including All-Star point guard Steve Francis, forward Kelvin Cato and guard Cuttino Mobley.

Francis' agent, Jeff Fried, told

the Houston Chronicle in its on-line edition early Tuesday that Rockets General Manager Carroll Dawson told him the trade was near but not yet complete.

"I spoke to Carroll, and it was not a done deal," Fried told the newspaper. "It's close. It's subject to a few contingencies."

"Tracy has indicated he would like to play elsewhere, and we're trying to see what we can do," Magic executive Pat Williams said. "The issue is where he would sign [a contract extension]. Teams want to know what Tra-

cy's plans are."

The deal also could be contingent on whether the Charlotte Bobcats select any of Orlando's unprotected players in Tuesday night's expansion draft.

The Magic also are receiving offers for the No. 1 pick in the NBA Draft Thursday night.

Charlotte and the Los Angeles Clippers already have shuffled the top part of the order, swapping picks Monday night.

The Bobcats get the overall No. 2 selection for the fourth and 33rd picks. Charlotte also agreed to se-



AP

A blockbuster trade involving Magic guard Tracy McGrady, shown driving against Lamar Odom, and Rockets point guard Steve Francis dominated the NBA rumor mill on Monday, while the Los Angeles Lakers waited to learn whether Shaquille O'Neal's trade demand is serious.

lect Los Angeles center Predrag Drobnjak in the expansion draft.

What promises to be a busy week began with loads of trade talk, though the Los Angeles Lak-

ers apparently won't be putting any Shaquille O'Neal discussions on the fast track.

SEE TRADE ON PAGE 27

## Defending champ not dominant



AP

Defending champion Serena Williams reaches for a shot from China's Jie Zheng during their first-round match on the Centre Court at Wimbledon on Tuesday. Williams won the match 6-3, 6-1, but it was tighter than the score suggests. See story on Page 28.



Giants' Ransom gets  
first taste of rivalry  
with Dodgers with  
decisive ninth-inning hit

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Outstanding A's  
in offseason paying off  
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## Byrant accuser's history still issue in hearings

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